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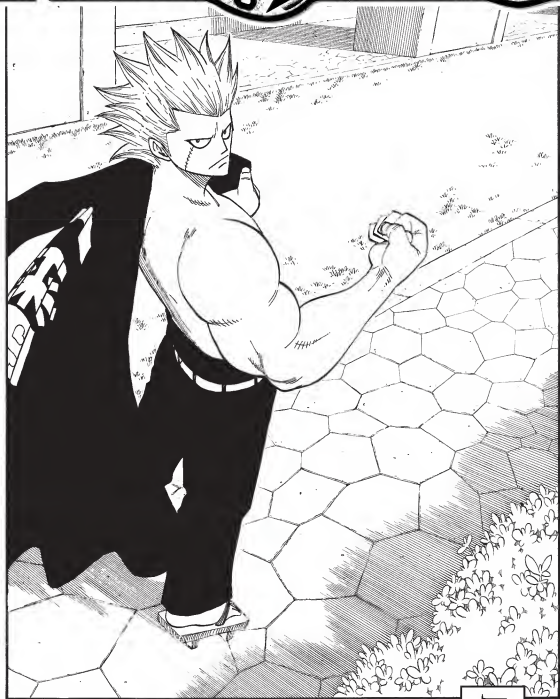
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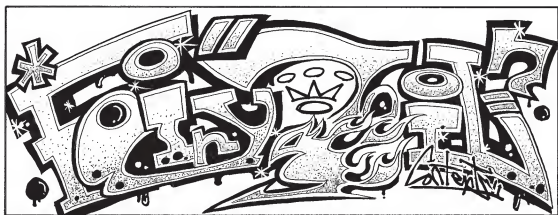
Creator of Rave Master

FAIRY TAIL



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Chapter 49:

The Moon Can Be Hidden by Clouds;
Flowers Can Be Scattered by the Wind





If you're
a man...

A man!

A man!!

A man!!!

N w a a h h h !!



DOGWAAMM

Uwaa!!

What the
heck is he
saying?!

Ugahh!

What's
with that
arm of
his?!

A
m
a
a
a
a
n
!!
!!!



Y-You
mean
that's a
kind of
magic?!!

That big guy
has some
beast's power
taking over his
arm!!!

It's a
take-
over!!!

**He is
Beast-arm
Elfman!!!!**

Elfman!!!

Fairy Tail Member:
Elfman

He took over
the power
of a beast
he defeated,
and
integrated
it into his
arm!

**I'm going up
to see if he's
breathing! And
if he is, I'll put a
stop to it!!!**

**I suspect
that Jose is
on the top
floor!**

**Erza!!! You
handle things
here!!!**

**Now's
the time
to shake
things up
a little!!**

**So the most
annoying of
them has left
the scene!**

**Heh
heh...**

**Be
careful!**

WHOOSH

oooooooo



Haa
!!!!

GWAAM!

Gakh!!

Eee!!

Come on,
you trash!!!
The Iron
Dragonslayer
Gajeel-sama
will take you
all on!!!

What's
with this
guy? He's
taking out
his own
people,
too!!!

Nab!!!
Warren!!!



A
man!!!

KAK

KAK

KAK



Even
if I am
trash,
I'm a
man!!!!

Gee-
hee!

WHOOSH

はっ

Hmph!!

A man
must live
strong!!

Ho!
You
aren't
bad!

モイ GLUK
GLUK モイ

Then what
about this?

Gruh!!

GRAKK

GAH!

GWAPAA

Gajeel!!
Stop
it!!!

Gabukkk!

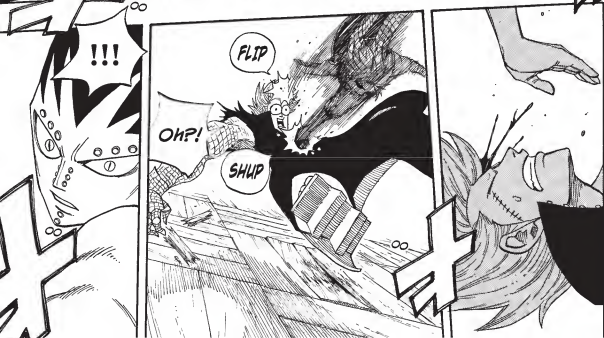
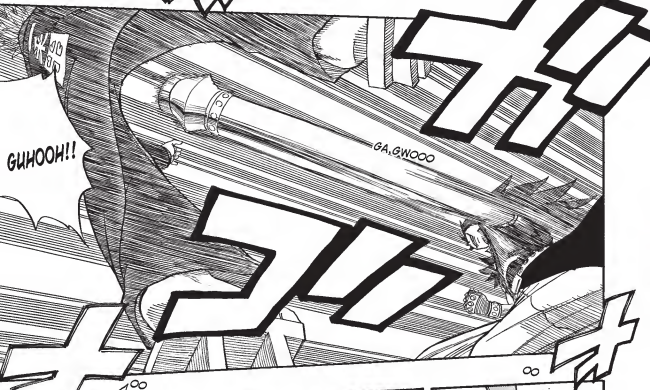
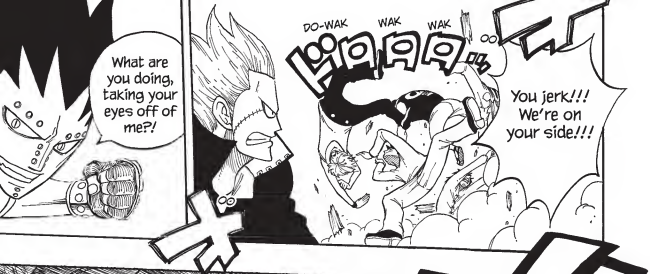
Ugeh!!

DONK

WHLIK

CRASH

SNAP





**Gajeel
!!!!**



**I am
Fairy
Tail's
dragon
slayer
!!!!**

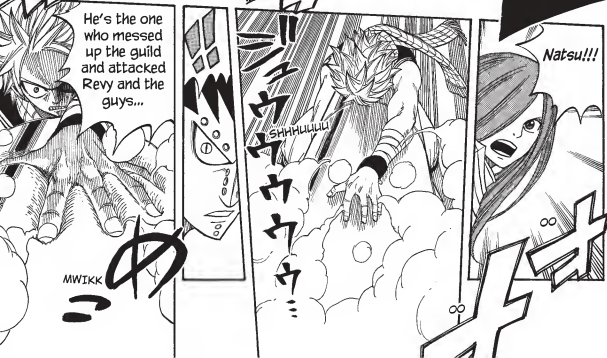
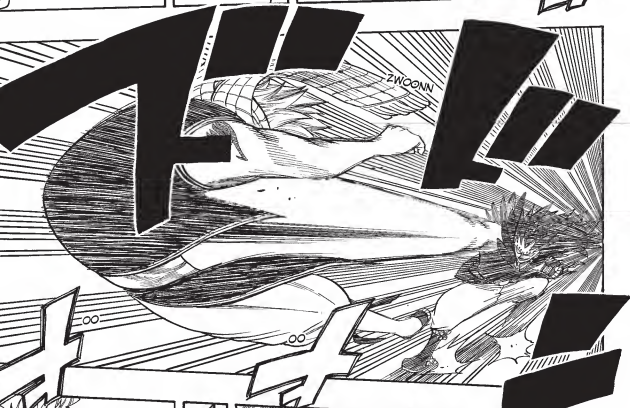


You
step
over me
to...



I've never
seen that
happen
before!!!

Hey!!!
Somebody
managed
to punch
Gajeel
out!!!





What?!!

Now go
rot!!!!

ZWLULUN



You
little
punk!!!

ロ!

TMP

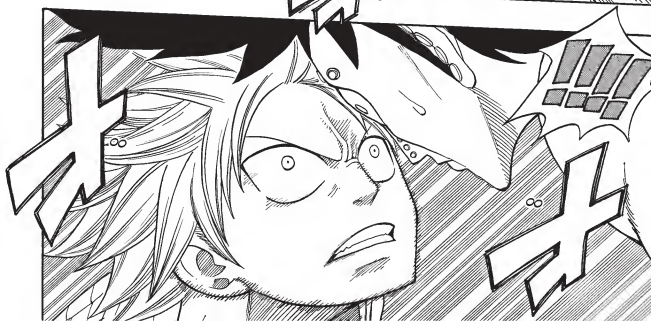
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KH!!

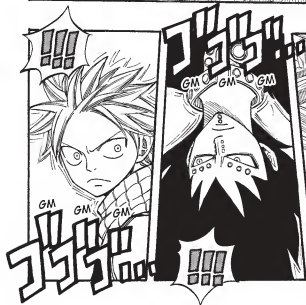
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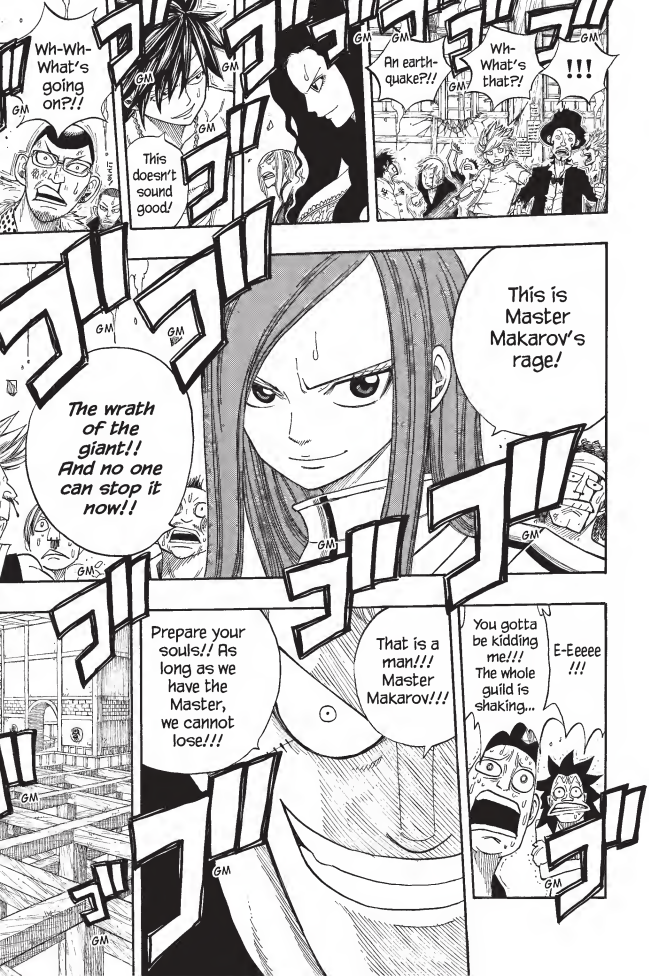
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TWRL









Wh-Wh-
What's
going
on?!!

This
doesn't
sound
good!

An earth-
quake?!!

Wh-
What's
that?!

!!!

This is
Master
Makarov's
rage!

*The wrath
of the
giant!!
And no one
can stop it
now!!*

Prepare your
souls!! As
long as we
have the
Master,
we cannot
lose!!!

That is a
man!!!
Master
Makarov!!!

You gotta
be kidding
me!!!
The whole
guild is
shaking...

E-Eeeee
!!!







The only triumphs I desire are from a battle of wits.

A battle between two wizard saints should only happen during a true cataclysm.



You coward... You already scampered from your own guild?!!

You're just a thought projection?!!

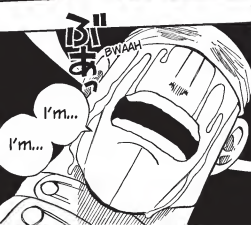


Where are you?!!

Let's have a fair fight!!!

Lucy?!!!





Phantom Lord
Element 4:
Aria of the
Great Sky



G
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a
a
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!!!!

I'm so
sad!!!!

DOOM

What's
going on?!!
I can't build
up any
power!!!

KRKL

KRKL

KRKL

KRKL

A
a
h
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!!!!

At least
not yet...
right?

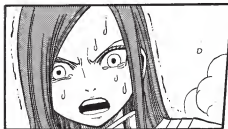
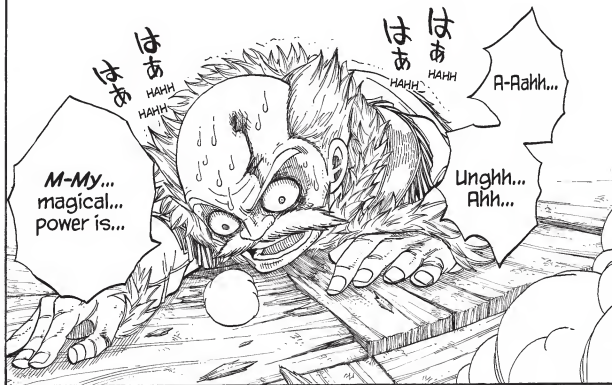
Ho ho ho! We
would never
think of killing
Lucy-sama!!

S
T
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N
K

Of course,
it's no
longer your
concern.

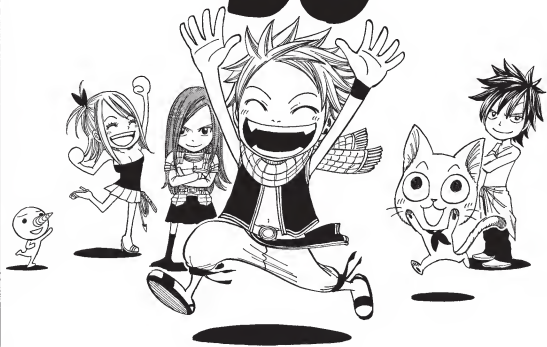
You must be
joking!!! She is a
member of your
own guild, and
yet you have no
idea of who Lucy
Heartfilia is?



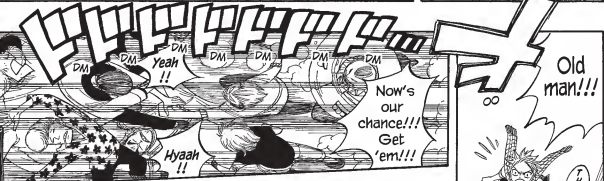
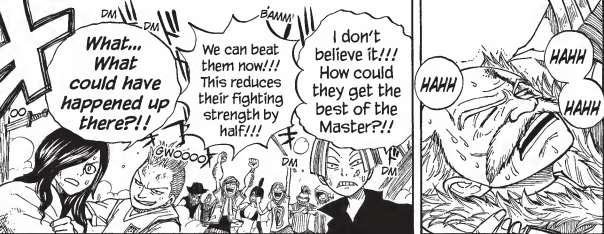


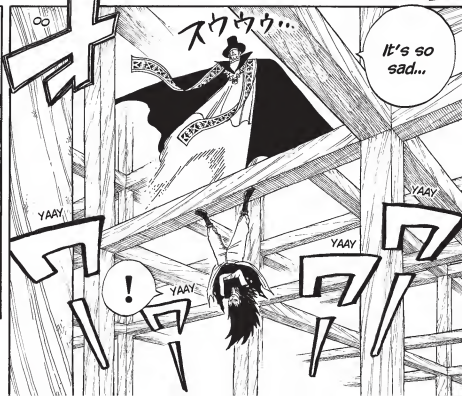
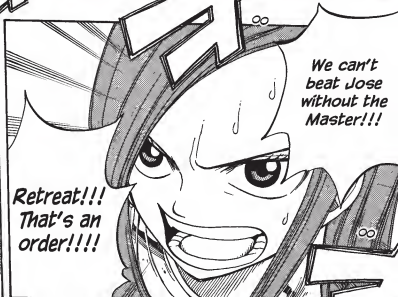
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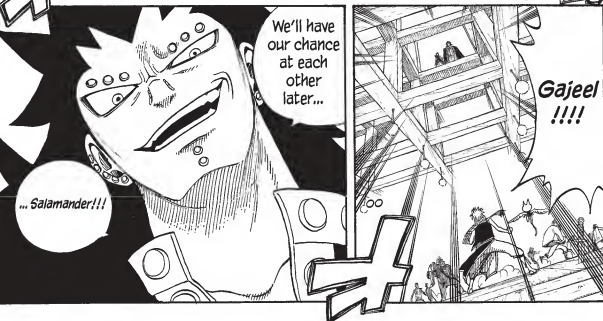
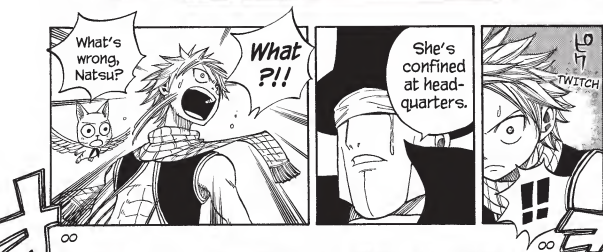
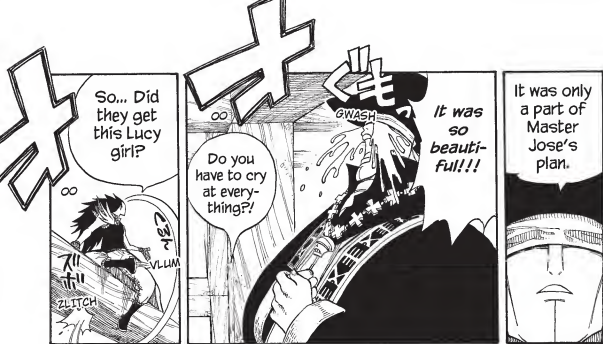
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Chapter 50: Lucy Heartfilia







スウウ
SSS

は WHOOSH

Wait!!!

You think
we'd let you
run away,
Fairy Tail?!!

Retreat!!!
Fall
back!!!

Eh?!!

They've
captured
Lucy?

What
do you
expect?!!
I'm going
to rescue
Lucy!!!

Natsu!!!
What
are you
doing?!!

Ohh?

You're
coming
with me!!

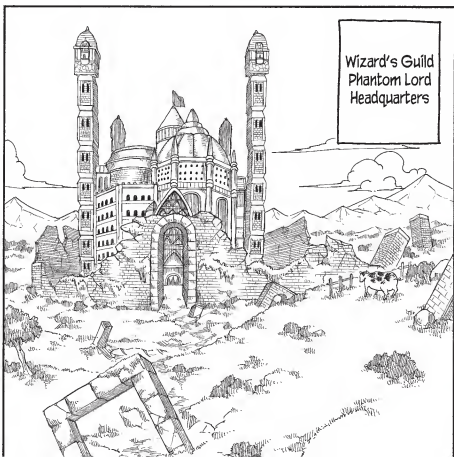
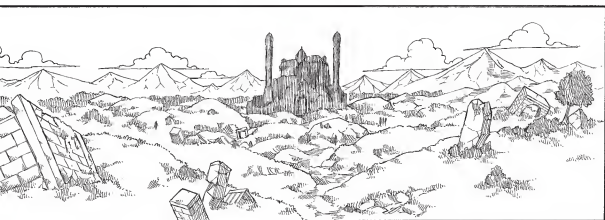




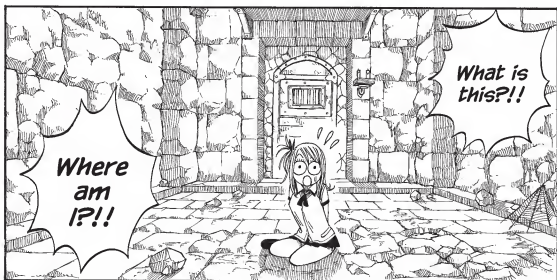
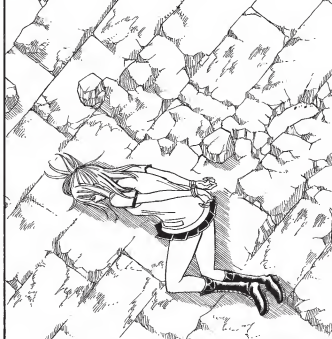
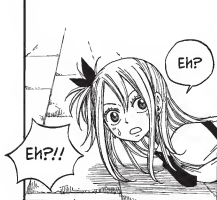
But...our
headquarters
is a little
farther this
way up the
hill!!! Sh-
She may be
there!!!!



Eee!!!
I-I don't
know!!!
I've really
never heard
that name
before!!!



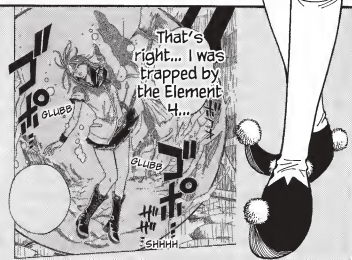
Wizard's Guild
Phantom Lord
Headquarters



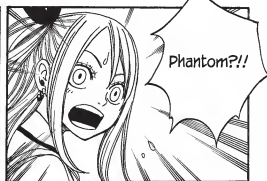


*I am called
Jose, the
Guild Master
of Phantom
Lord.*

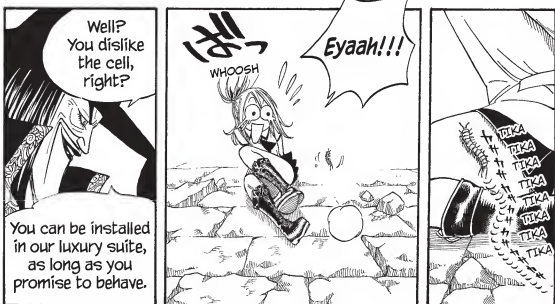
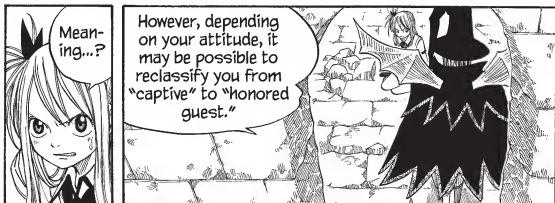
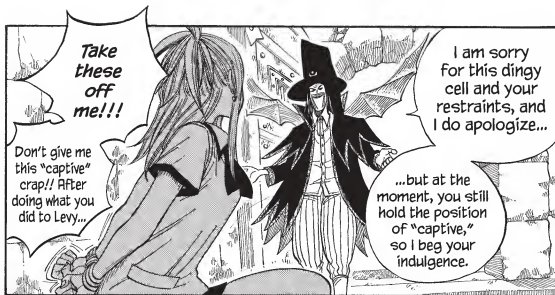
Phantom Lord
Guild Master
Jose Porla



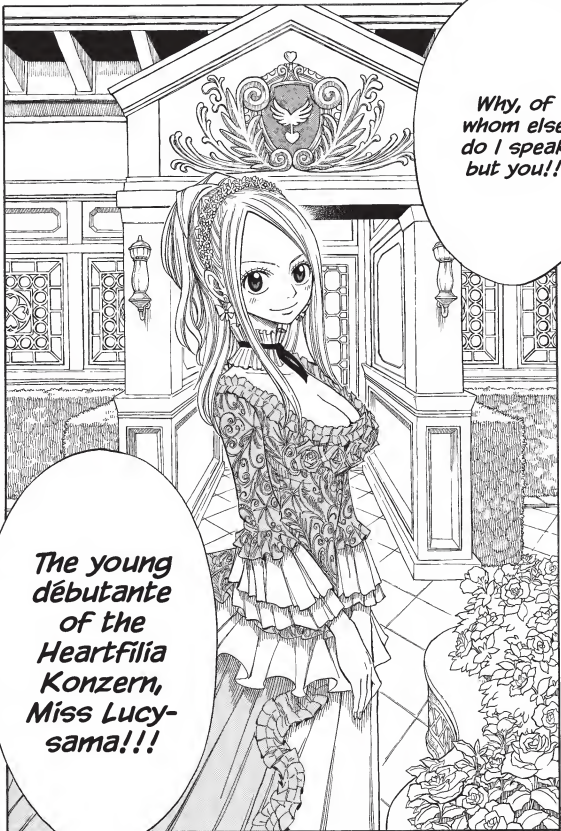
That's
right... I was
trapped by
the Element
4...



Phantom?!!

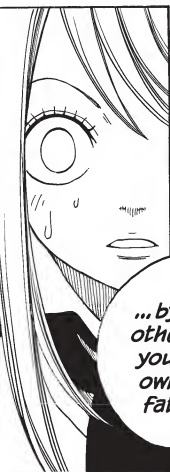
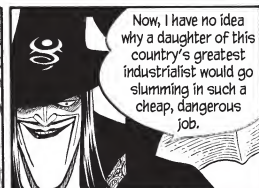
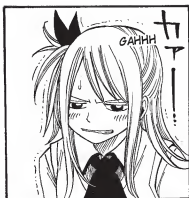
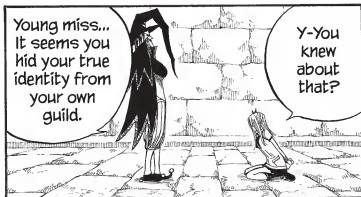






*Why, of
whom else
do I speak
but you!!*

*The young
débutante
of the
Heartfilia
Konzern,
Miss Lucy-
sama!!!*





*That man
wouldn't
even
notice!!!*

*He
wouldn't
!!!*



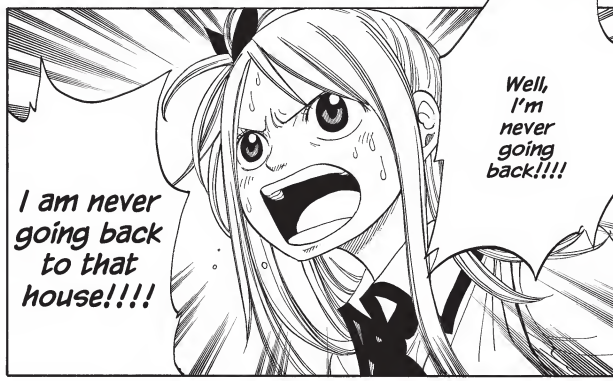
The answer is
obvious! Any parent
would search the
world over for a
child who has run
away.



No...

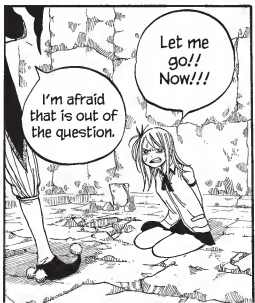
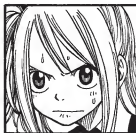
That's
a lie...

Why
would
he...



*I am never
going back
to that
house!!!!*

*Well,
I'm
never
going
back!!!!*

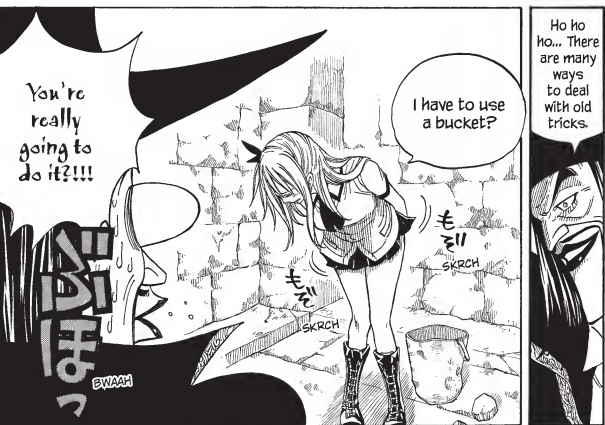
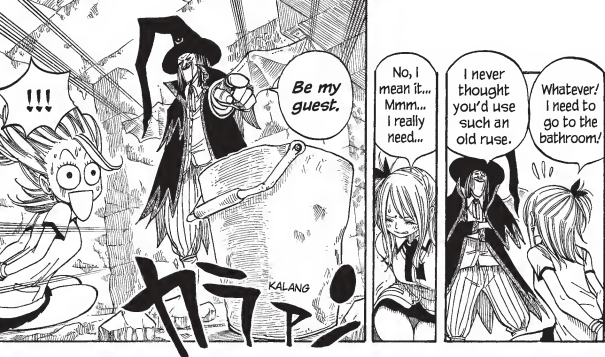


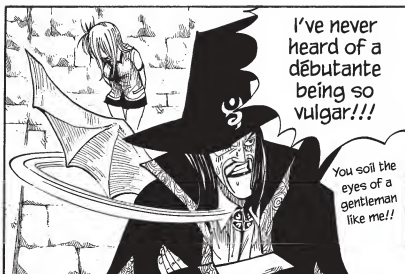
I'm afraid
that is out of
the question.

Let me
go!!
Now!!!



Now, now!
Don't make
trouble,
young miss!





I've never
heard of a
débütante
being so
vulgar!!!

You soil the
eyes of a
gentleman
like me!!



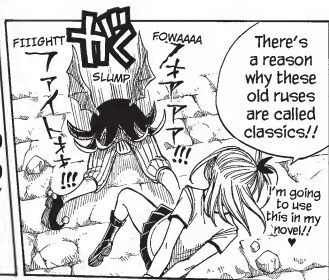
N u g a a h h h !!!

KLONING

Umph!!!



Nupo
po po
po po
po!!!



FIIGHTT

たて

SLUMP

FOWAAAA

There's
a reason
why these
old ruses
are called
classics!!

I'm going
to use
this in my
novel!!
♥



TMP

TMP

TMP

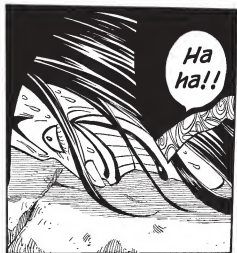
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Well, take
care of
yourself,
won't you?
♥



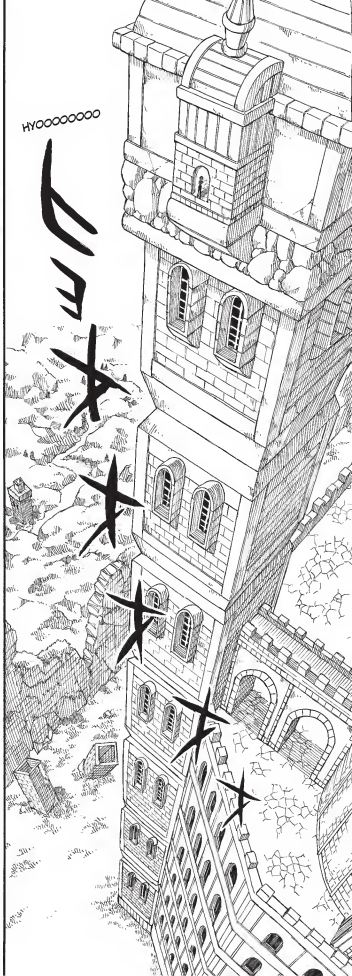
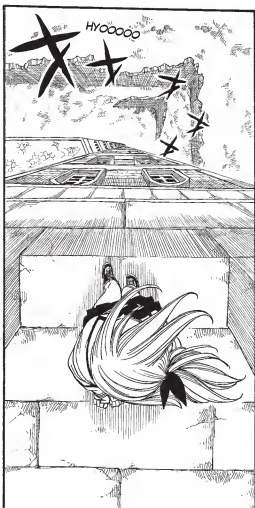
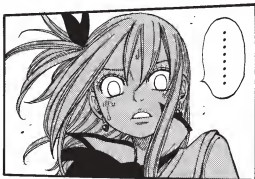
Ha
ha!!

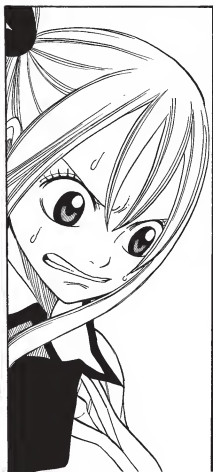


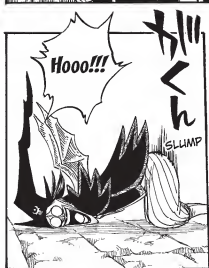
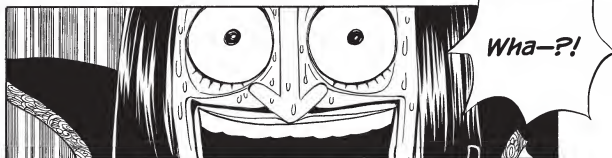
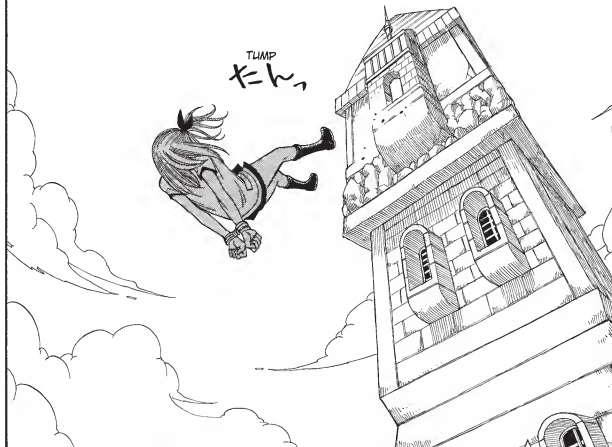
Eh?

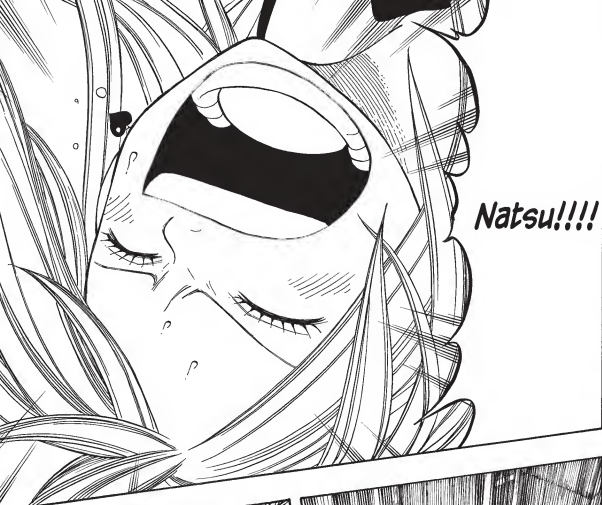


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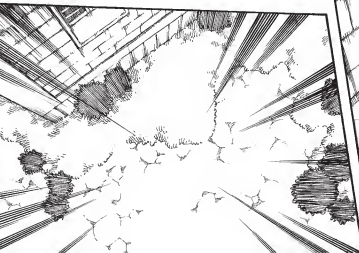
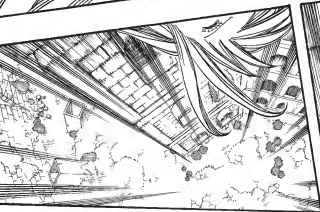








Natsu!!!!

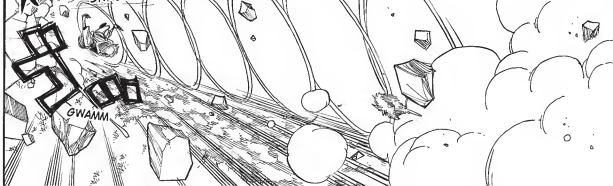




Hyoooh
!!!!



カカカカカ
SKRCH-KRAK-KRAK-KRAK



GWAMM

It's raining
Lucys!!!



I knew
it!!

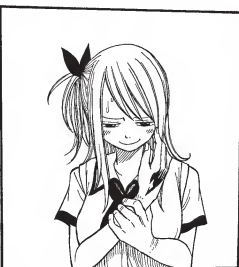
I was
sure
you were
around
here.



Are you
insane or
some-
thing?!!



This is
great!!!
Now, let's
head back to
the guild!!!

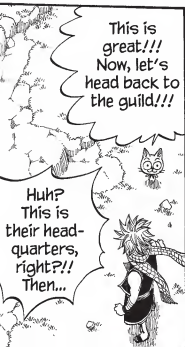


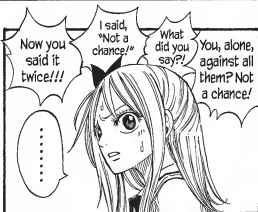
Are
you
okay?

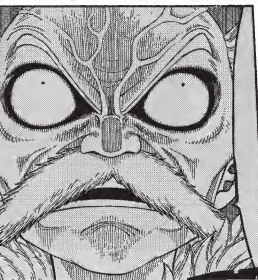
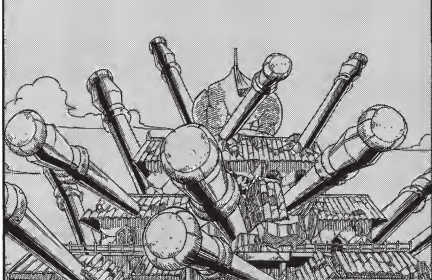


Yeah...
more
or
less.

Huh?
This is
their head-
quarters,
right?!!
Then...



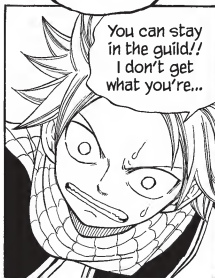






***I love
Fairy
Tail!!!***

***But even
so, I still
want to
stay in the
guild...***



***You can stay
in the guild!!
I don't get
what you're...***



***Wahh,
hic!***

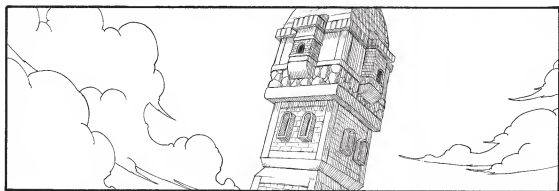
Aaa...

Aah...



Lucy...?

***H-Hey...
what's the
deal? What's
going on?***





That little
witch really
got me
mad!!!

FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 51: Vanity



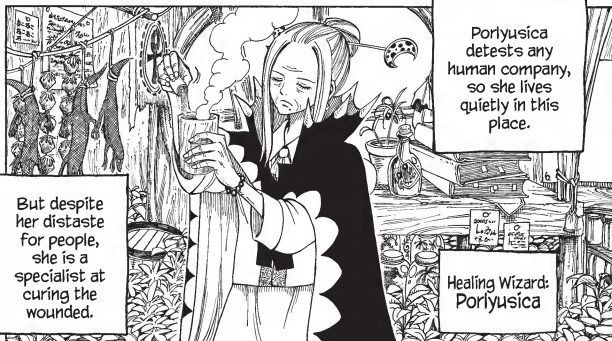
Remarks

He sealed the abilities of a defeated demon beast within his arm, and now, using its power is his magic specialty. Some say his power puts him right at Fairy Tail's top level, but he is the type to hold back his strength. He looks frightening, but actually, he has an unexpectedly gentle heart, and people have seen tears in his eyes. Long ago, his pet parakeet flew away, and he searched for it for an entire week. He came back after finding a different parakeet, and he hasn't noticed the difference.



...lives a person whom the Master has long known.

In a house within a tree inside of Magnolia's eastern woods...



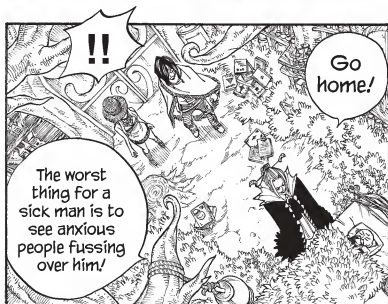
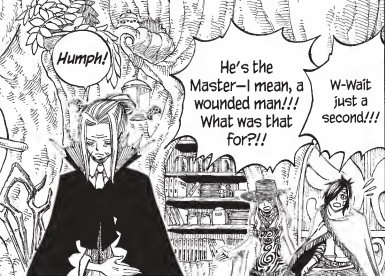
Porlyusica detests any human company, so she lives quietly in this place.

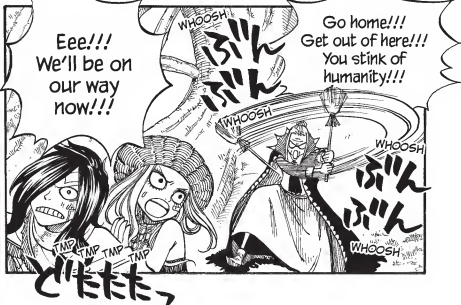
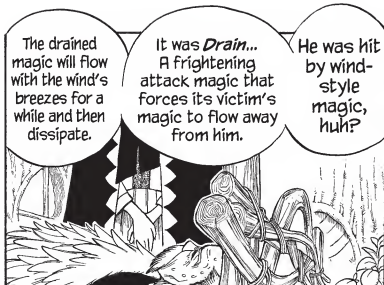
But despite her distaste for people, she is a specialist at curing the wounded.

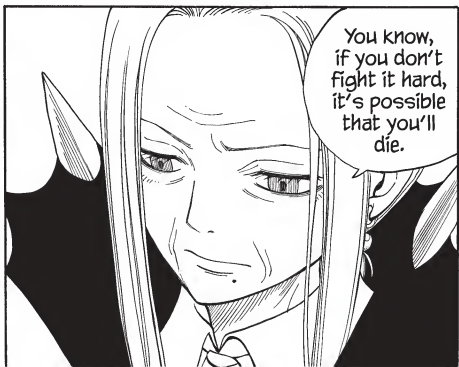
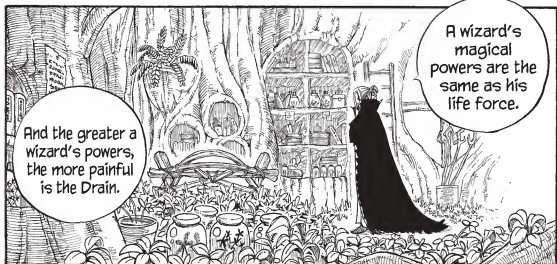
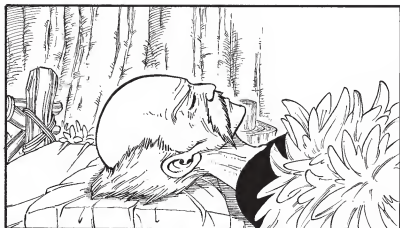
Healing Wizard: Porlyusica

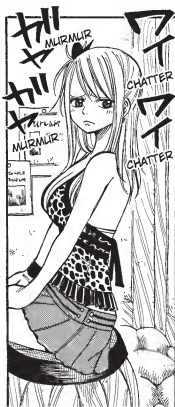
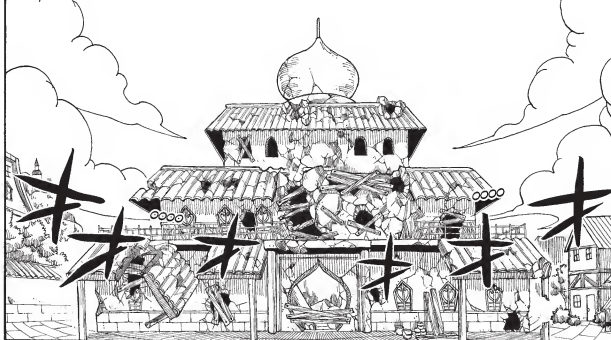


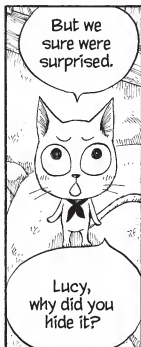
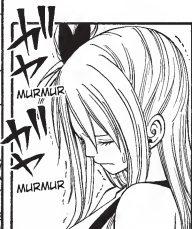
That is where the Master was taken.

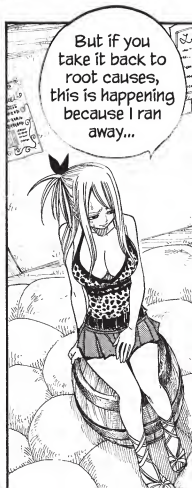








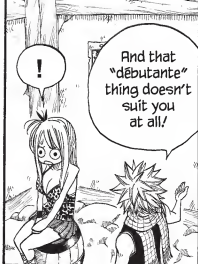






...and going out on adventures. That's the Lucy I know!

You fit in a lot better laughing in this crappy bar...



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And that "débütante" thing doesn't suit you at all!



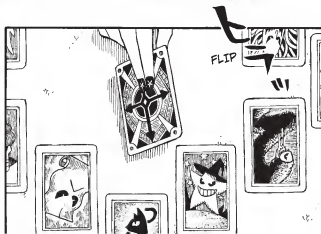
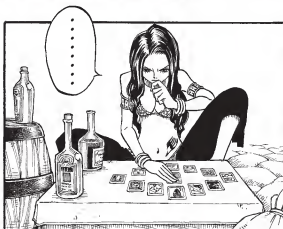
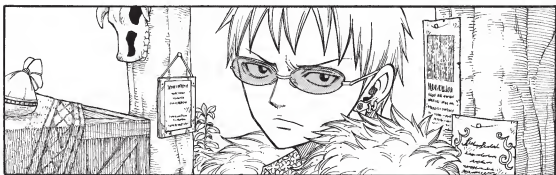
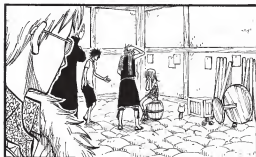
What's the good of going back to a home you don't want to live in?

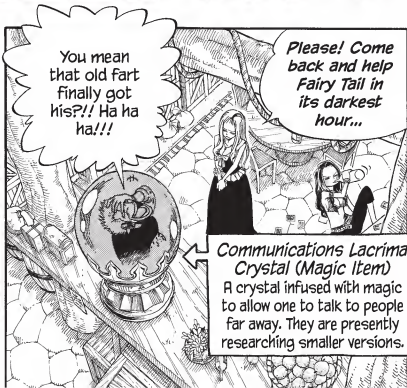
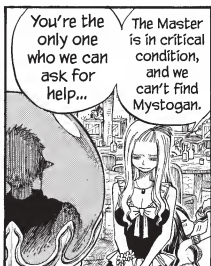
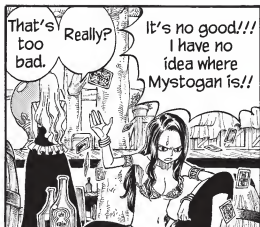
I said you could stay in the guild.



This is the home you come back to!!

You're Lucy of Fairy Tail, right?





Really? So am I!! She's that new girl with the big jugs, right?

They're after Lucy... One of our guild.

Really? So am I!! She's that new girl with the big jugs, right?

They're after Lucy... One of our guild.

Lexus, you....!!!

Well, it's true!
The old man started all this, right? Why do I have to clean up after him?

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WHOOOSH

Lexus, you....!!!

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The old man started all this, right? Why do I have to clean up after him?

は
WHOOOSH

You really are a—

A close-up of a woman's face, likely the character mentioned in the text. She has long, dark hair and a shocked or intense expression, with wide eyes and a slightly open mouth. The drawing is in a detailed, shaded style typical of manga.

Tell her that if she'll be my woman, I'll help out.

One more condition!!
Tell the old fart to retire and make me the Master!!!

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One more condition!!
Tell the old fart to retire and make me the Master!!!

Watch it!! Is that how you nicely ask a guy to do a favor for you?!! The least you can do is strip for me!!! I'm easy when it comes to sexy—

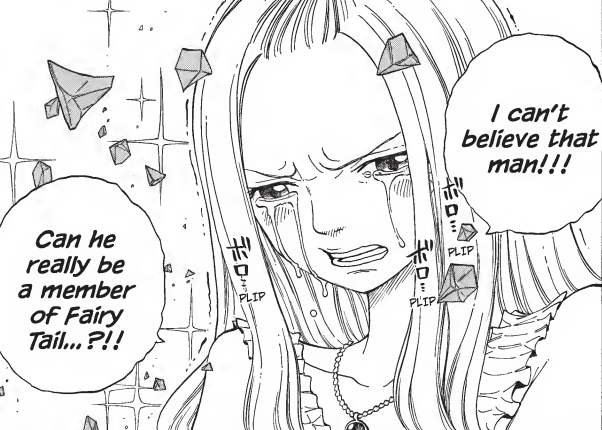


HIK

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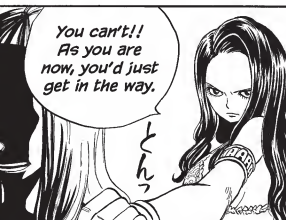


HIK



*Can he
really be
a member
of Fairy
Tail... ?!!*

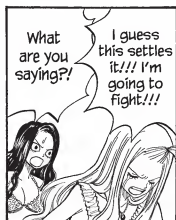
*I can't
believe that
man!!!*



*You can't!!
As you are
now, you'd just
get in the way.*

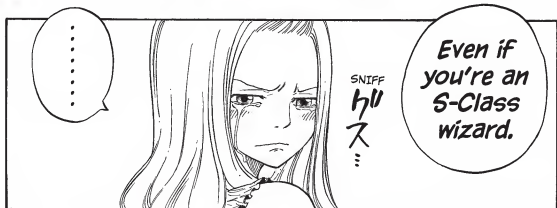


*I mean, I was
here, and
Lucy still got
kidnapped!!*



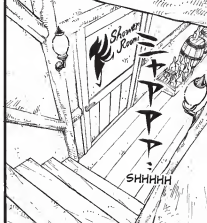
*What
are you
saying?!*

*I guess
this settles
it!!! I'm
going to
fight!!!*



*Even if
you're an
S-Class
wizard.*

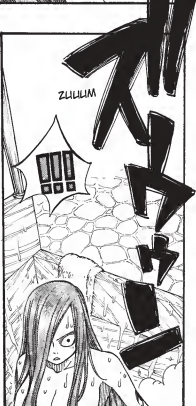
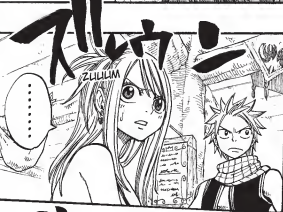
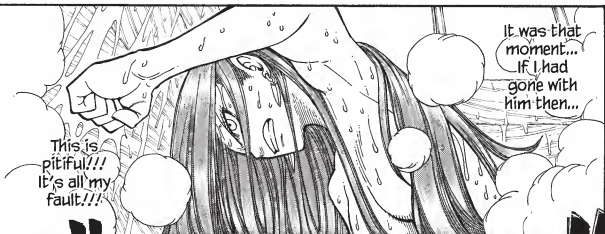
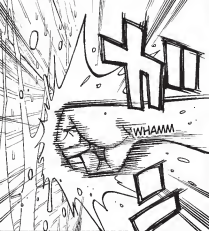
SNIFF
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A lot of
wounded... It's
impossible to
keep up the
fight now. ○

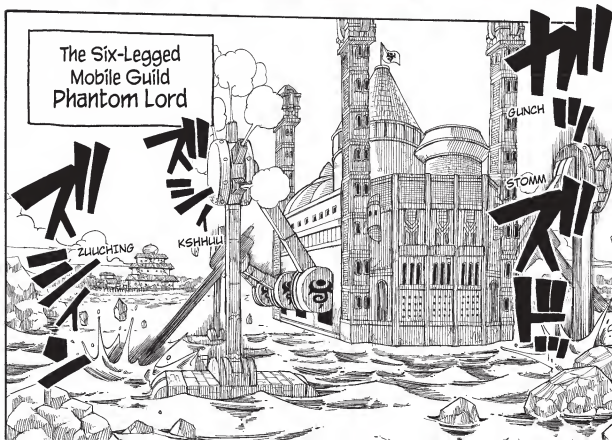
Laxus and
Mystogan
as well.

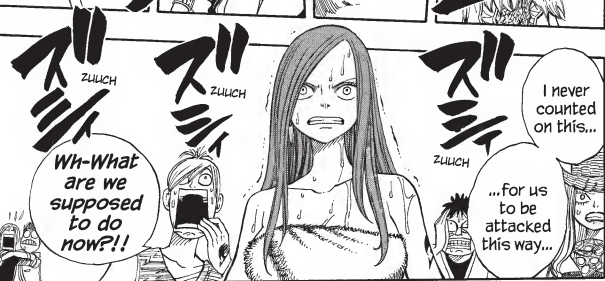
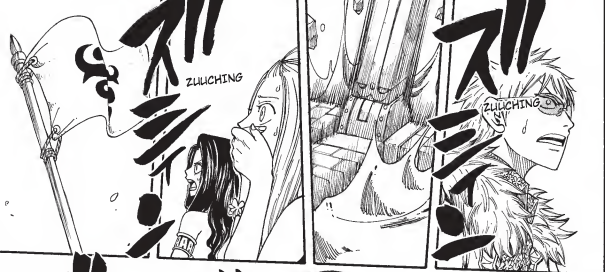
The
Master
is out of
action...

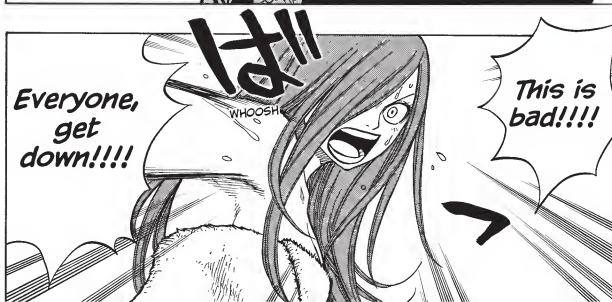
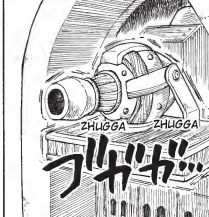
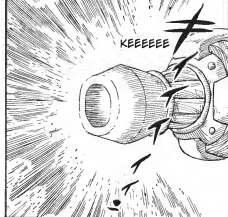


Wh-What
the hell is
that...?!!!



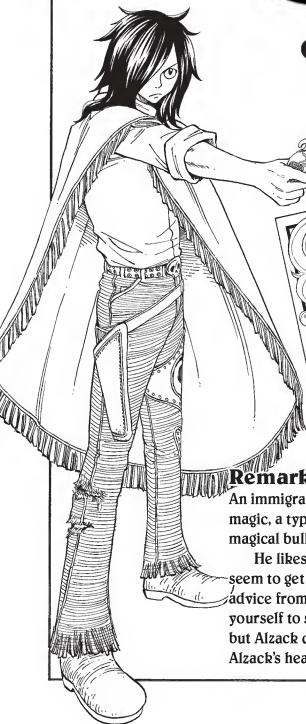






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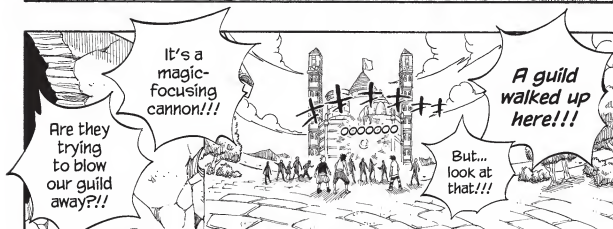
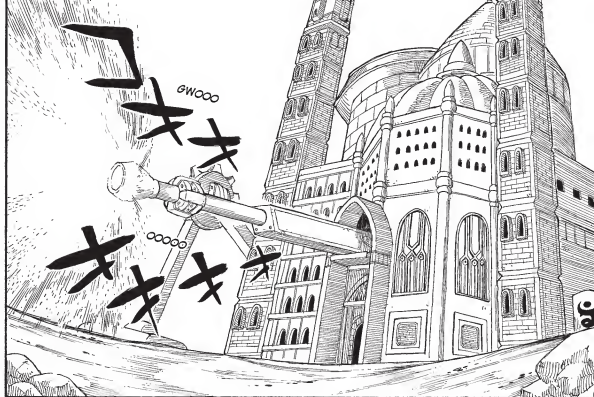
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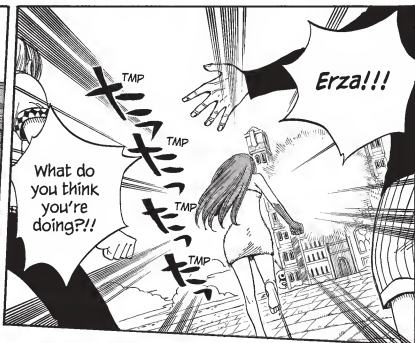
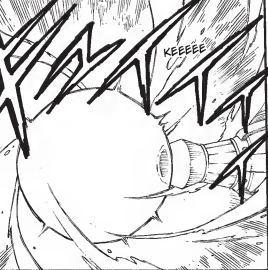


Remarks

An immigrant from the Western Continent, he uses gun magic, a type of magic where his guns are loaded with magical bullets.

He likes Bisca, a girl at Fairy Tail, but he can't seem to get his feelings across to her. He tried getting advice from Loke, but he was told, "If you can't bring yourself to say it, I'll take her for myself." It was a joke, but Alzack couldn't recognize the humor. Even now, Alzack's heart burns to know that he has a rival in love.





*You
will not
harm our
guild!!!!*

SHHK

VWAA

*Get
down
!!!!*

I don't care how
high-level that
armor's defense
is suppose to be,
against that...

Don't do
it, Erza!!!
It'll kill
you!!!

Her
adamantine
armor!!!

She doesn't
think she can
stop that
thing, does
she?!!

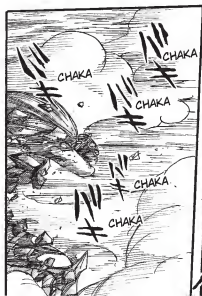
Oh,
n...

Natsu!!!
All you can
do now
is trust
Erza!!!

Erza!!!!

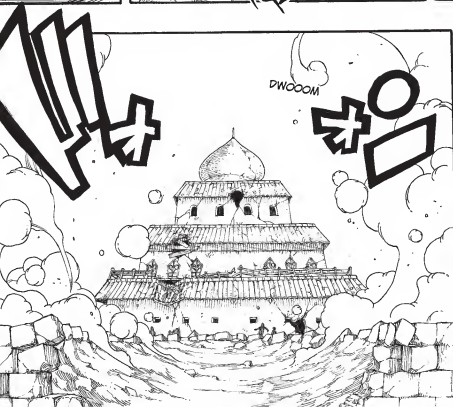
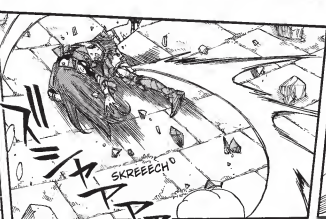
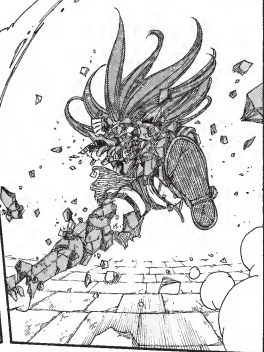
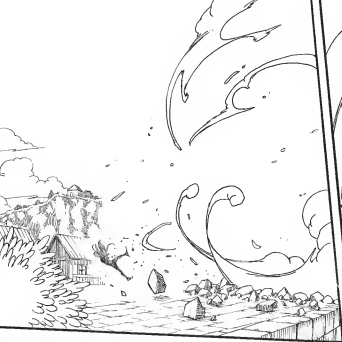
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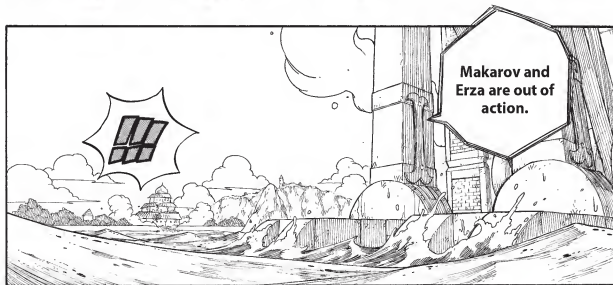


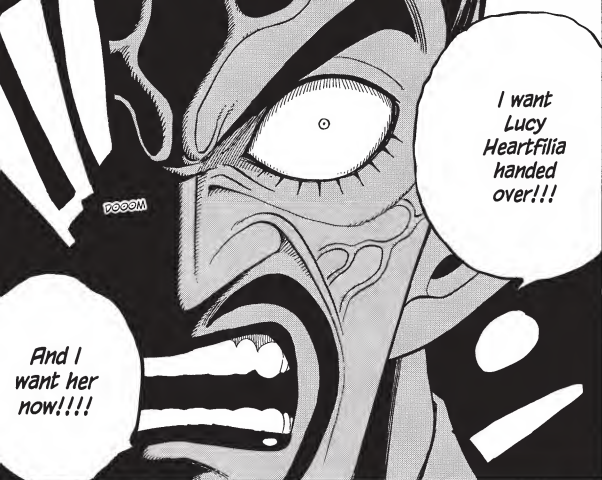


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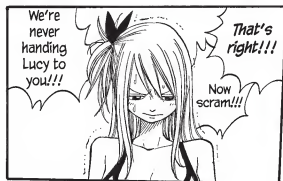




I want
Lucy
Heartfilia
handed
over!!!

DOOOOM

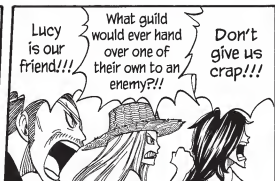
And I
want her
now!!!!



We're
never
handing
Lucy to
you!!!

That's
right!!!

Now
scram!!!



Lucy
is our
friend!!!

What guild
would ever hand
over one of
their own to an
enemy?!!

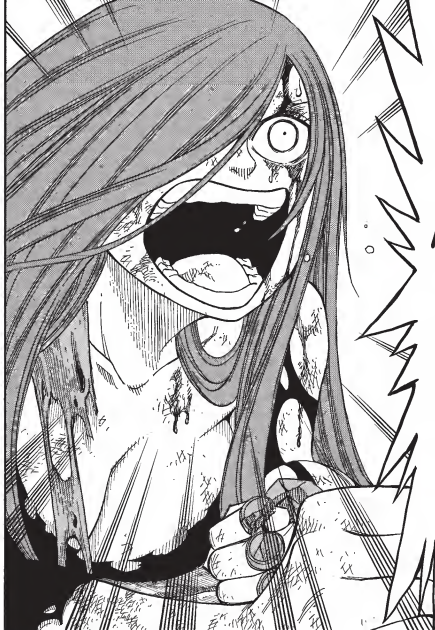
Don't
give us
crap!!!



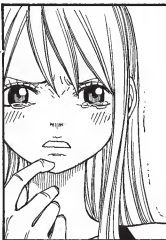
I'll...



Hand her
over!!!



*If it's hand
over a
friend or
die, then I
choose to
die!!!!!!*



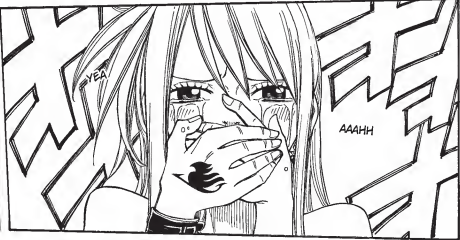


*We're going
to smash
you into the
dirt!!!!*

*Do what
you want!
Our answer
will always
be the
same!!!!*

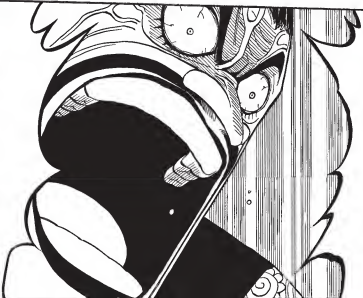


*Oh,
ho?*



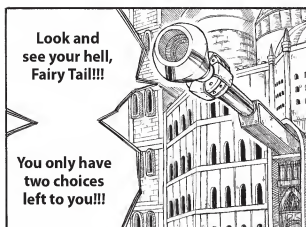
YEA

AAAAHH



*I will allow
you the
fifteen
minutes it
takes to
repower
to wallow
in your
fear!!!!*

*If that's
what you
want, then
you're
going
to get a
heaping
serving of
Jupiter!!!!*





... or be
killed by
Jupiter!!!!

Be killed
by my
troopers...

!!!

No,
they'll
shoot!

I don't get it!!!
They're going
to kill their own
people with
Jupiter?

I-it's just
a threat...
They won't
shoot...!

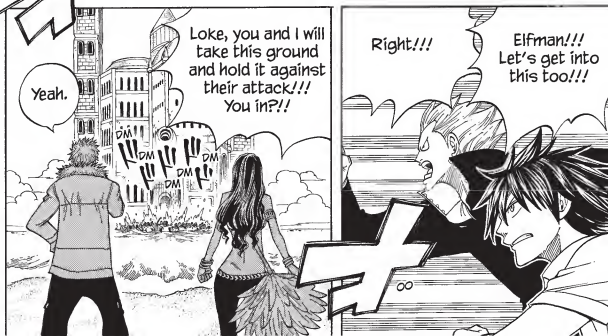
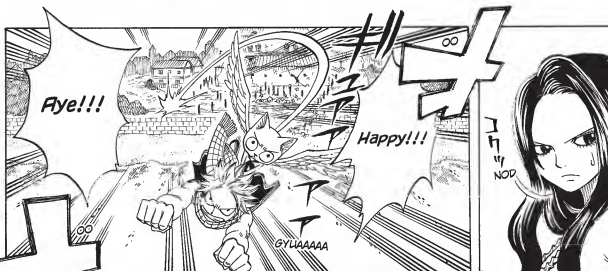
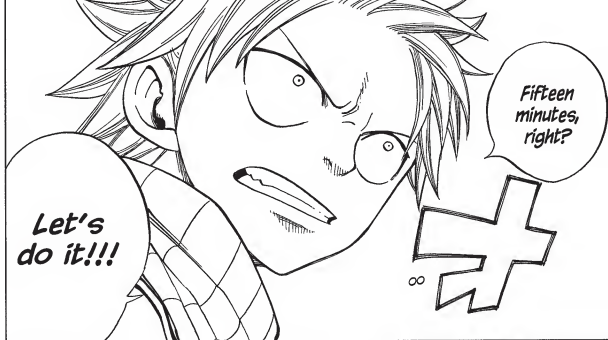
Those are
Jose's magical
Shade Troopers...
They aren't human.
They're ghost
soldiers that Jose
created!!!

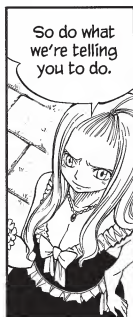
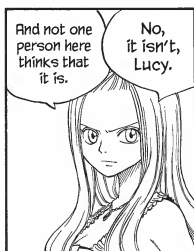
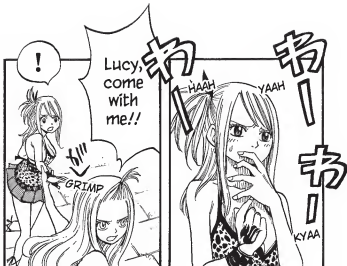
I'll go in
and rip it
apart!!!

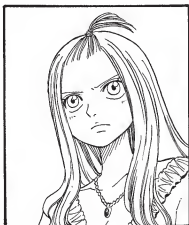
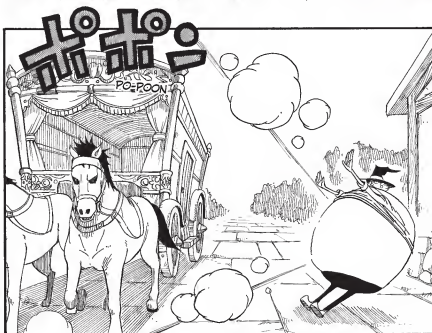
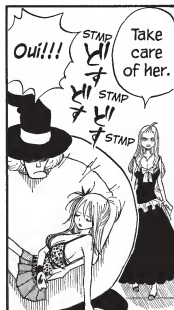
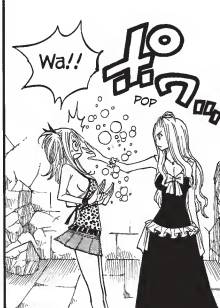
Natsu...

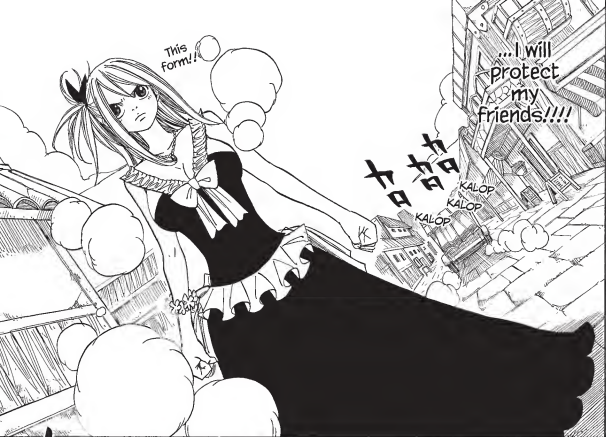
We have to
stop Jupiter
somehow...

Shade... What?!!
You mean
monsters?









This
Form!!

...I will
protect
my
friends!!!!

KALOP
KALOP
KALOP



oooooooooooo

Natsu...
Please!!!

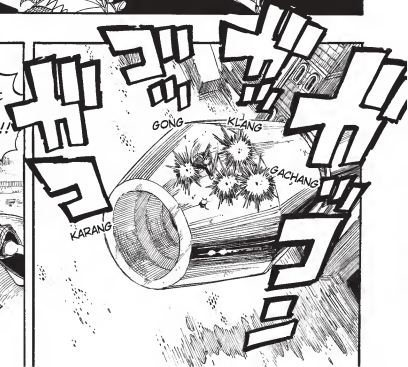
There're
only
fourteen
minutes
until Jupiter
fires again!!



Gaah!!! It
isn't even
scratched!!!

I'm afraid
we may have
to destroy
it from the
inside.

GONGG

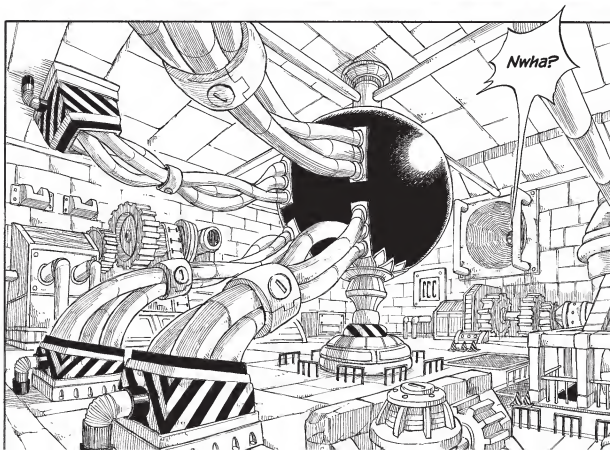
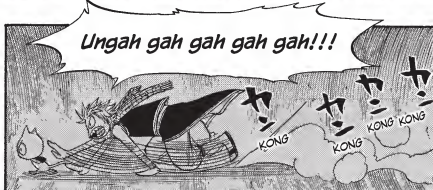
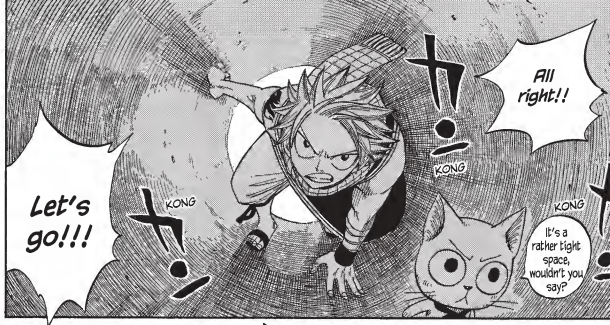


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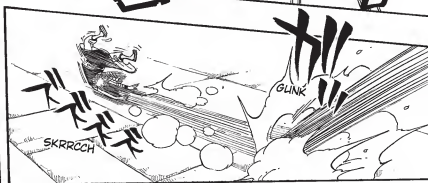
KL'ANG

SACHANG

KARANG







FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 53: The Heat of Battle



FAIRY TAIL

Name: Bisca Mulan

Age: 18 yrs.

Magic: The Gunner

Likes: Alzack

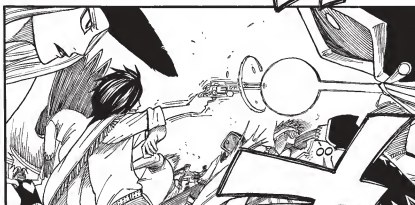
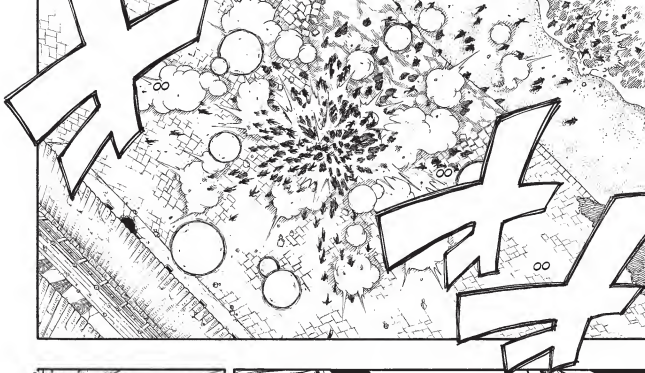
Dislikes: Sweet foods

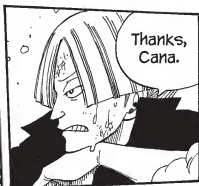
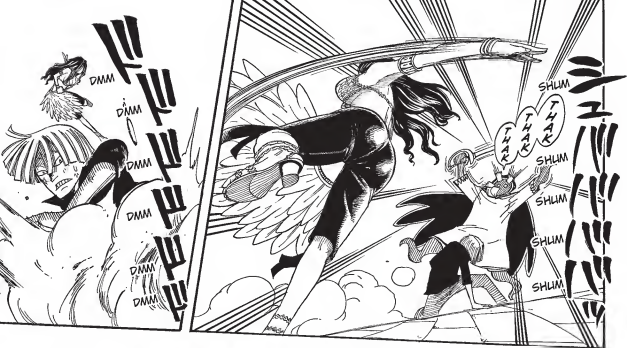


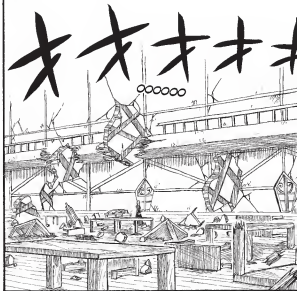
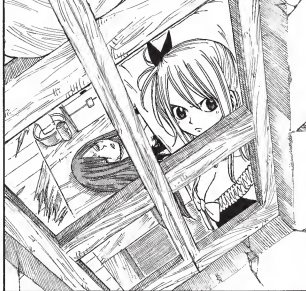
Remarks

She immigrated from the Western Continent. Her magic, the gunner, is a type that fights with a wide variety of guns that she requips (exchanged in and out from a dimension that holds them). She uses the same kind of guns as Alzack. She likes Alzack, but she hasn't been able to make her feelings known. She looks up to Erza, and so asked her advice. But Erza just shouted, "You weakling!!"

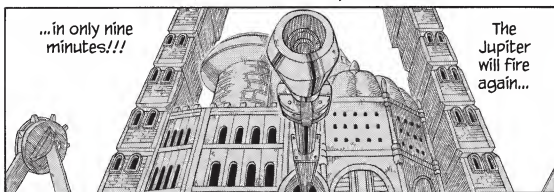
The next day, she finally decided to gather up her courage and tell him, but that was the day that Phantom attacked, and the opportunity vanished.





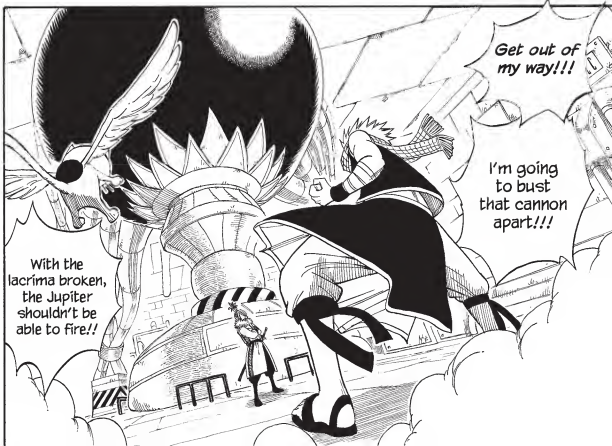


↑ Mirajane transformed into Lucy's likeness.



...in only nine minutes!!!

The Jupiter will fire again...



With the lacrima broken, the Jupiter shouldn't be able to fire!!

Get out of my way!!!

I'm going to bust that cannon apart!!!



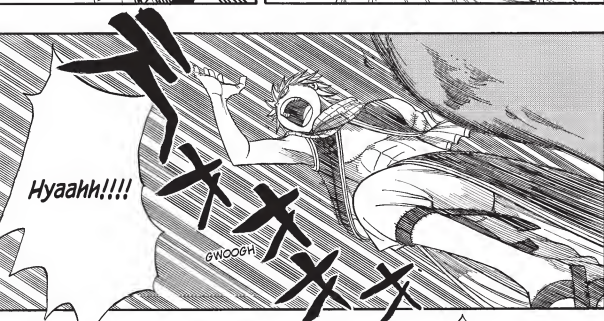
There's
no time
for
this!!!

Shut
that
stupid
face of
yours!!!



It isn't
going to
happen...

Didn't
you
hear me
the first
time?



Hyaahh!!!!

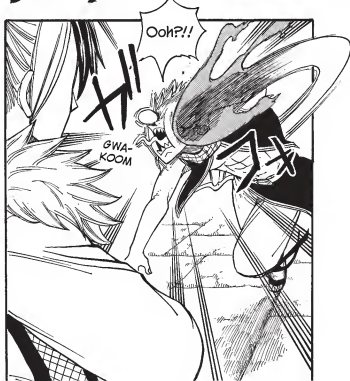
GWOOGH



Natsu!!

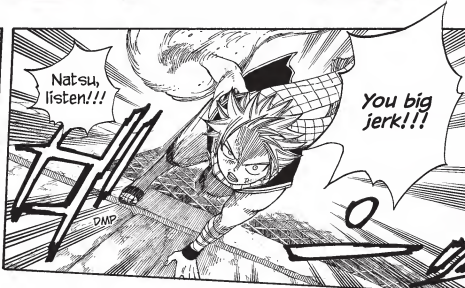
Oohhhh?!!

ROLL ROLL ROLL ROLL ROLL



Ooh?!!

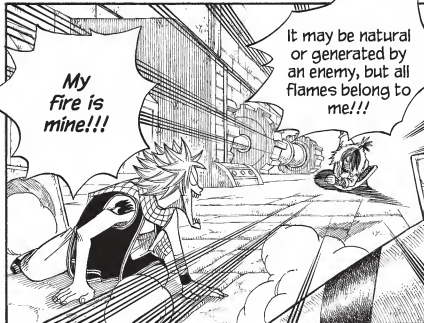
GWA-
KOOM





Every fire is completely under my control!!

I am Totomaru, and I control the element of flame.



My fire is mine!!!

It may be natural or generated by an enemy, but all flames belong to me!!!



What did you say?!!



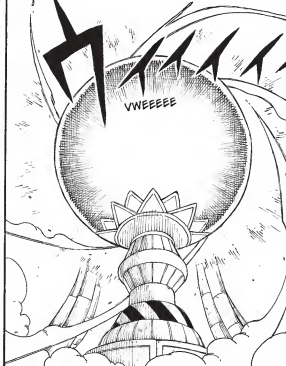
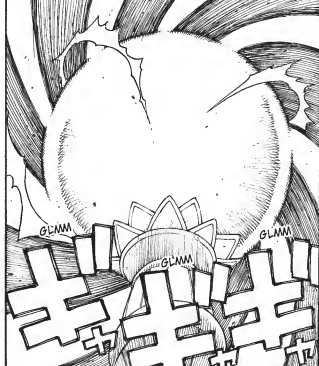
Fire Wizard !!

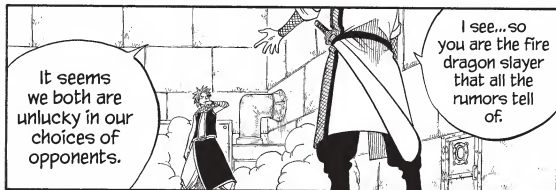
You were unlucky in your choice of opponents.

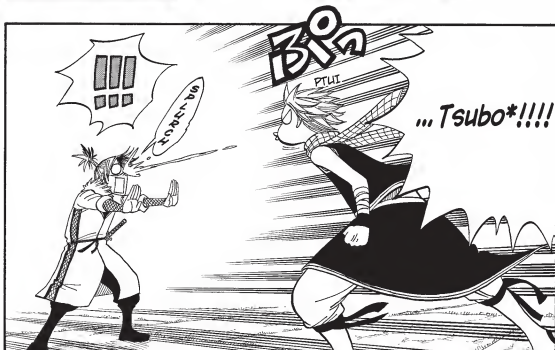
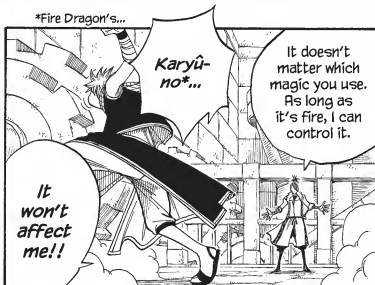
Your first job is to destroy this thing!!!

Natsu, who really cares about that?!!









*... Spit!!!!



Jupiter's
about to
fire!!!

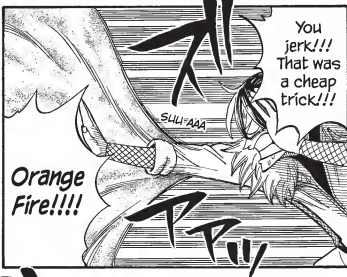
Natsu,
we're in
trouble!!!



Ah ha
ha ha
ha!!!



Fire is food to
me!! I wonder
what this will
taste like!!



You
jerk!!!
That was
a cheap
trick!!!

Orange
Fire!!!!



Wh-What
is this
stuff?!!

It
stinks
!!!!



BWAAA

!!!

AAAA



Two minutes and thirty seconds until Jupiter Fires.



Ha ha ha!!
It's a fire
that smells
like turds!!!

GWOOO

Uoohh!!!
It's like
my nose
is rotting
away!!!

Y-You
started the
disgusting
stuff!!

You've got
no class,
you know
that?!!

OOOOOH



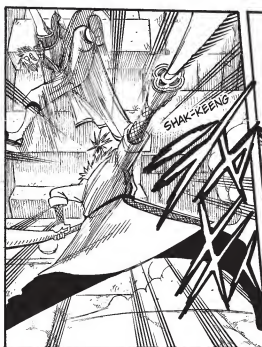
**Shut
your
face!!!!**



Natsu,
forget
him!!!

Calm
down!
Please?

**Now
you've
got me
mad!!!!**



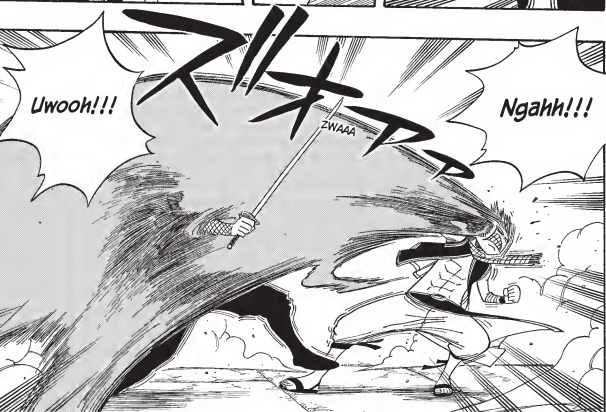
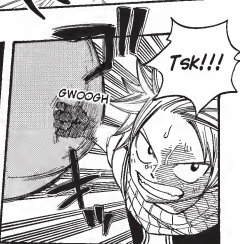
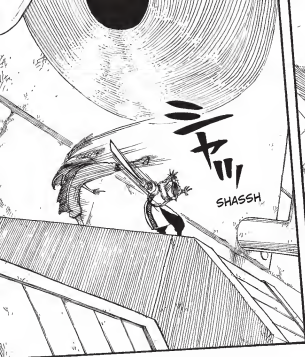
SHAK-KEENG

That's
fine. I have
a sword,
so the
advantage
is mine!~

So you've
given up magic,
and now you
simply want to
brawl?

WHOOOSH

FWOOM





Only two minutes left...!!!



Isn't Natsu there yet?!!

It looks like it's got all the energy it needs!!



He closed to a distance where his fire backwash would hit me!!!

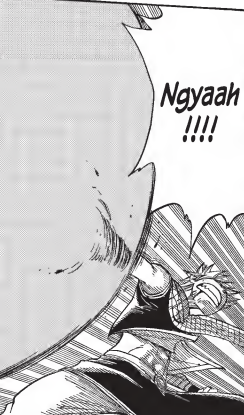


Heh heh...



One minute and
thirteen seconds until
Jupiter fires.

Natsu
!!!!



Ngyaah
!!!!



KWOOO

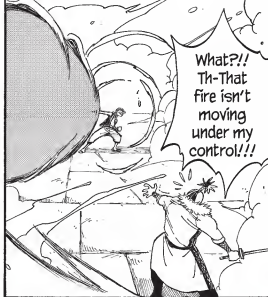


U
r
n
g
g
!!!



GWOUGH

You can't
get me
with the
same tactic
twice!!



He figured
out the
concept
in the
middle of a
battle?!!





Ten seconds
until Jupiter
fires.

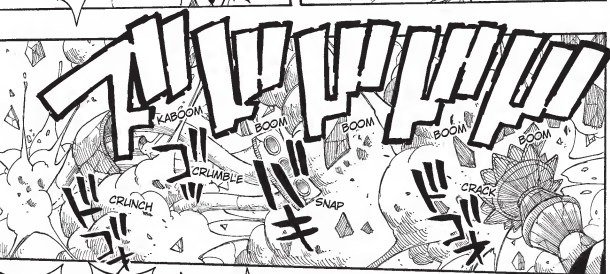
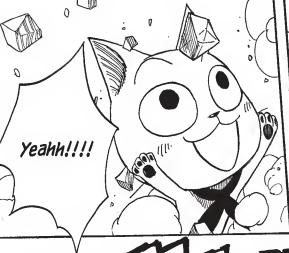
You can't
do any
harm
unless you
hit me, you
know!!!

Ha
haaaaa!!!

*I wasn't
aiming at you
in the first
place!!!!*

BAKON

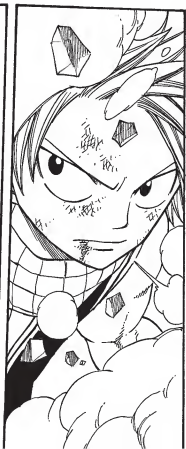
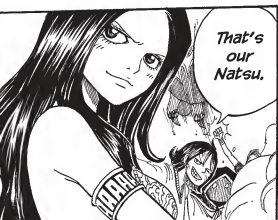


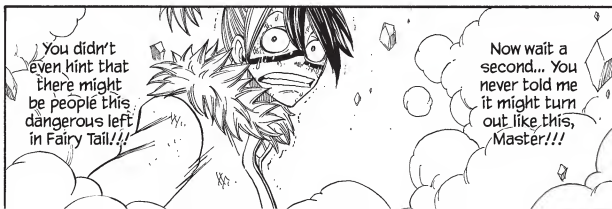


Come to think of it, until Natsu had a way to overcome that guy's control, he would never have been able to destroy the crystal.

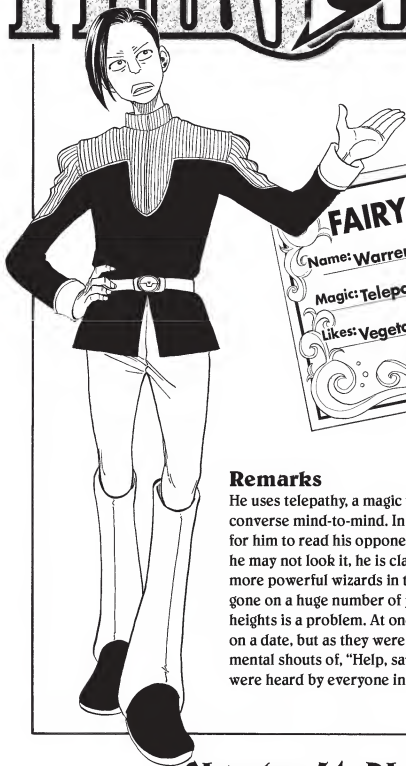


And I'm supposed to be the calm, rational one.





FAIRY TAIL



FAIRY TAIL

Name: Warren Rocko Age: 23 yrs.

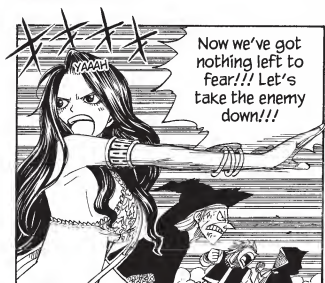
Magic: Telepathy

Likes: Vegetables Dislikes: High places



Remarks

He uses telepathy, a magic that allows one to converse mind-to-mind. In battle, it's possible for him to read his opponent's mind. Although he may not look it, he is classified as one of the more powerful wizards in the guild, and he has gone on a huge number of jobs alone. His fear of heights is a problem. At one point he took a girl on a date, but as they were crossing a bridge, his mental shouts of, "Help, save me!!! I'm scared!!!" were heard by everyone in the town.



Now we've got
nothing left to
fear!!! Let's
take the enemy
down!!!



Yahoo!!!
Never under-
estimate
Natsu!!!

Jupiter's been
destroyed!!!

All
right!!!



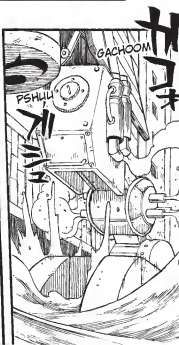
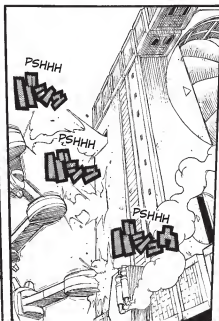
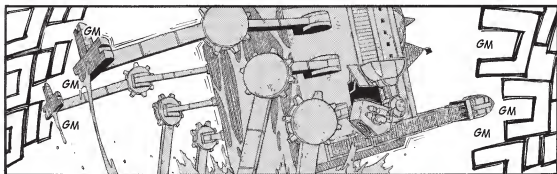
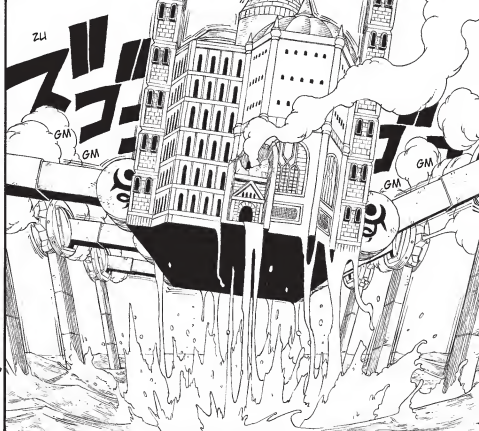
Those
uppity
little
brats...

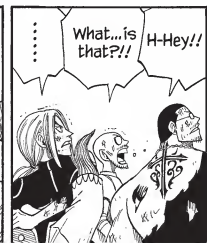
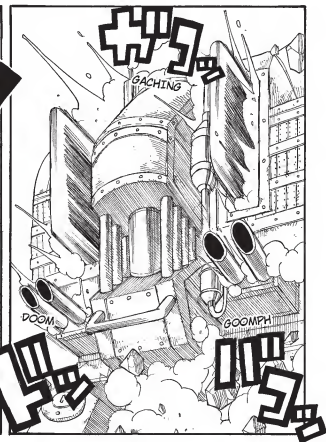
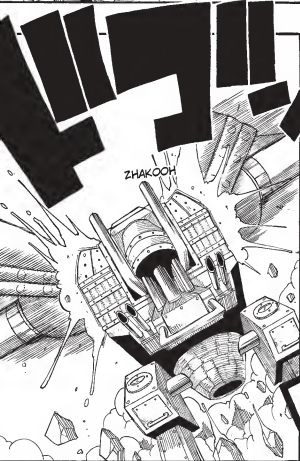
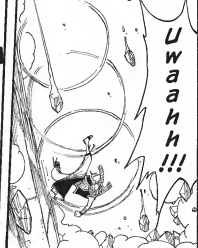


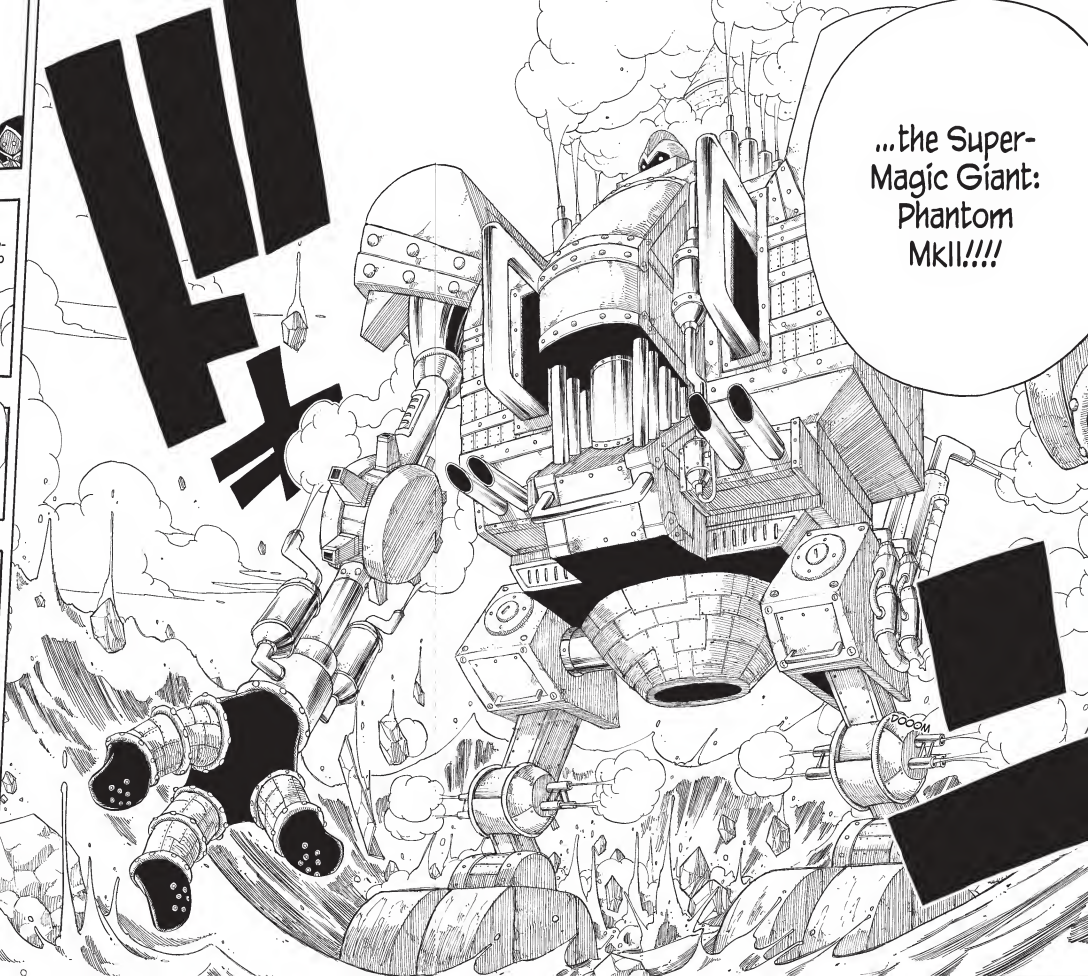
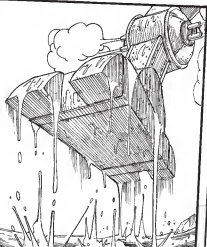
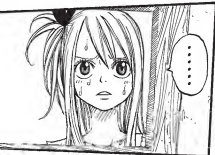
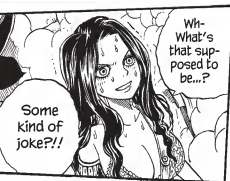
M-Master
Jose...

...Jupiter
was
wrecked...
from the
inside...



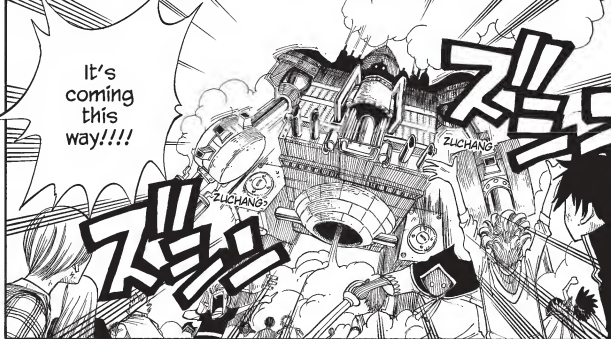






...the Super-
Magic Giant:
Phantom
MkII!!!!

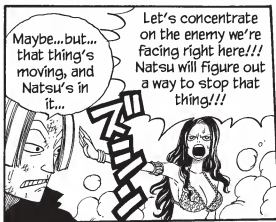
It's
coming
this
way!!!!



Ah!!

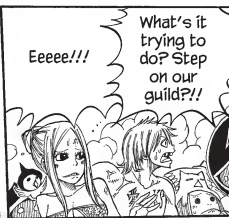


Maybe...but...
that thing's
moving, and
Natsu's in
it...



Let's concentrate
on the enemy we're
facing right here!!!
Natsu will figure out
a way to stop that
thing!!!

Eeeee!!!

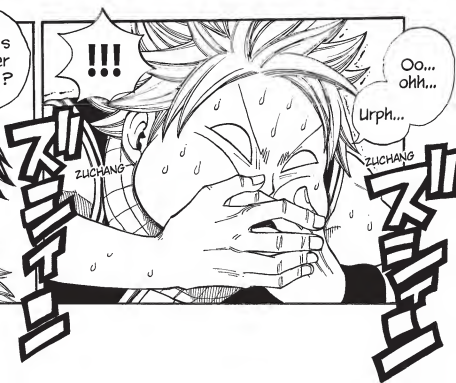


What's it
trying to
do? Step
on our
guild?!!

Wh-What's
the matter
with him...?



!!!



Oo...
ohh...

Urph...

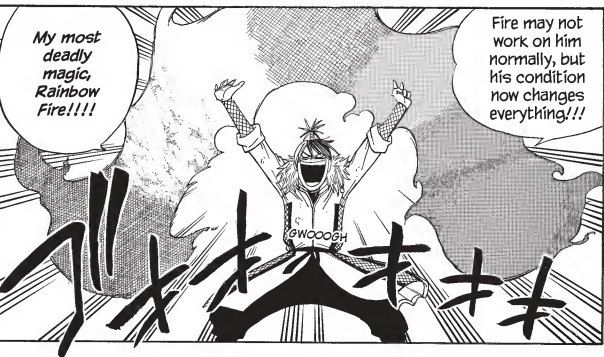


That's it!!!
This is my
chance to turn
this around!!!



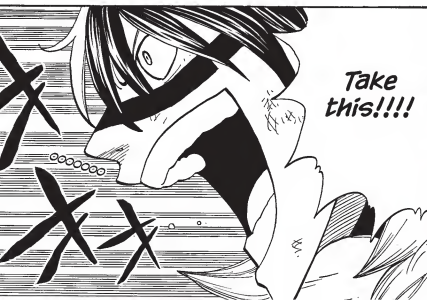
Hey, this guy
gets motion
sickness really
bad!!!

O...Ohh...
Is this thing...
moving...?

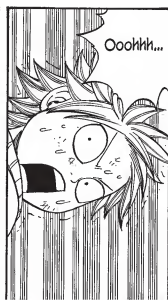


My most
deadly
magic,
Rainbow
Fire!!!!

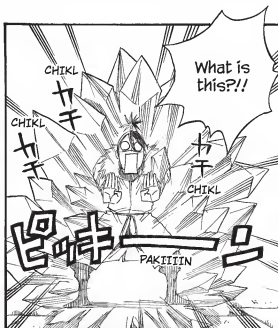
Fire may not
work on him
normally, but
his condition
now changes
everything!!!

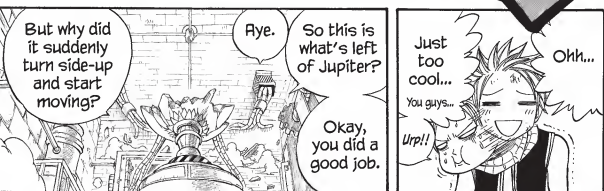


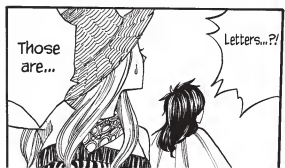
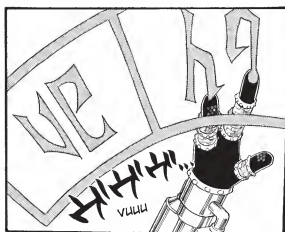
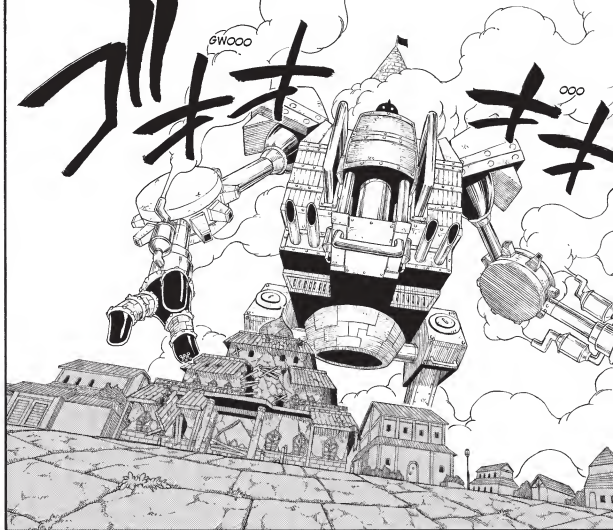
Take
this!!!!

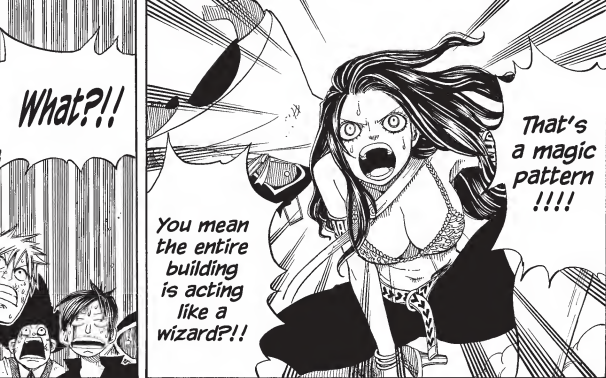


Ooohhh...





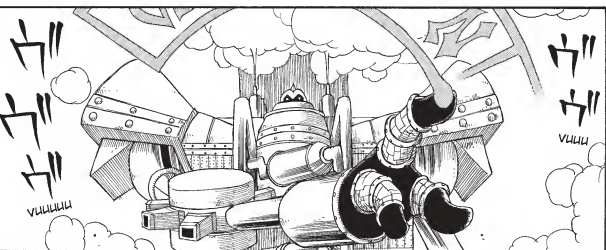




What?!!

*You mean
the entire
building
is acting
like a
wizard?!!*

*That's
a magic
pattern
!!!!*



*It's the size that I
don't like!!! It's going
to create a black
wave that will destroy
everything as far as the
Kardia Cathedral!!!*



*It's one
of the
forbidden
magics...*



*That
magic
pattern
is Abyss
Break!!!*

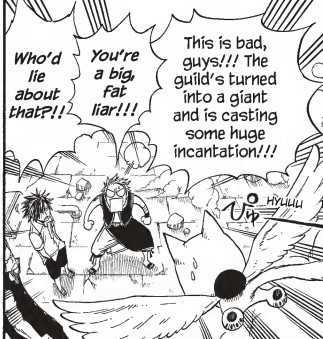




Come on!!!
There's no magic that can do that!!!

Then it'd take out half the town!!!

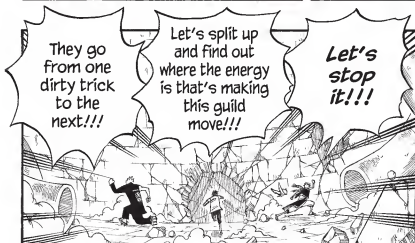
They say the magic will wipe out everything as far as Kardia Cathedral!!!



Who'd lie about that?!!

You're a big, fat liar!!!

This is bad, guys!!! The guild's turned into a giant and is casting some huge incantation!!!



They go from one dirty trick to the next!!!

Let's split up and find out where the energy is that's making this guild move!!!

Let's stop it!!!



Probably about ten minutes.

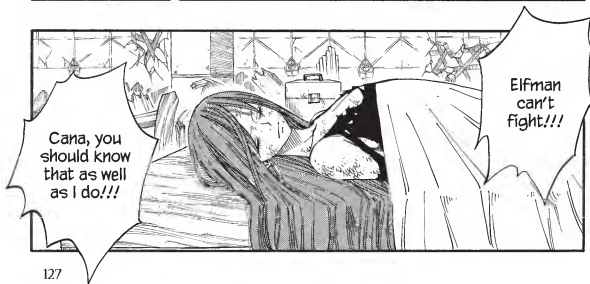


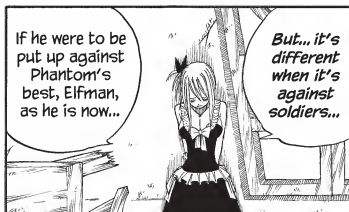
Mira!! How long does it take until that spell starts taking effect?



What do we do about this?!!

What can we do but trust in Natsu and the guys?!!





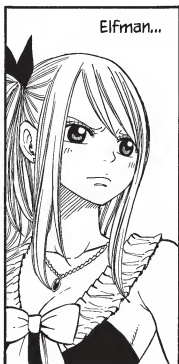
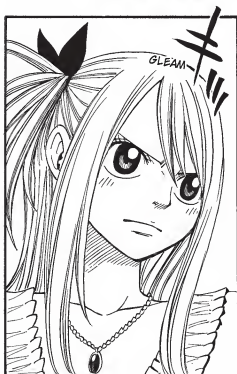
But... it's different when it's against soldiers...

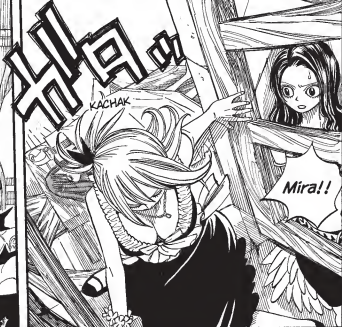


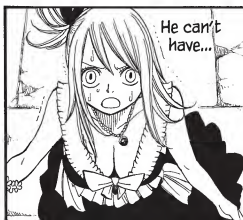
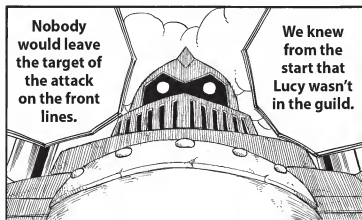
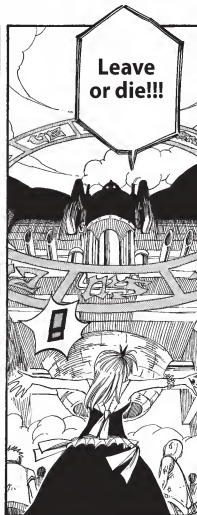
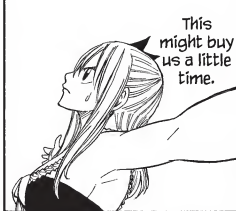
But in his own way, he's doing his best to get past it and move forward.

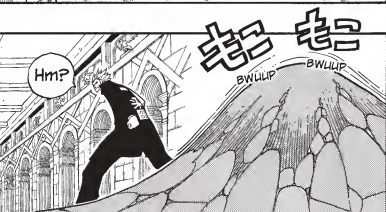
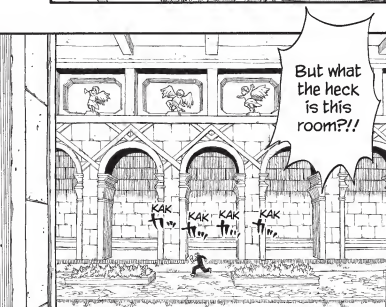
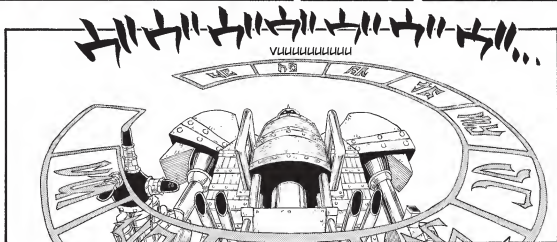
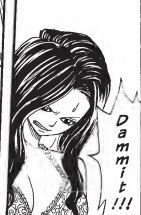


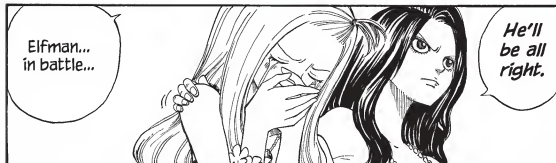
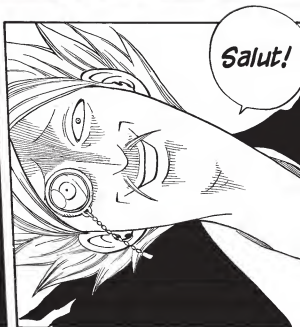
Hey, Mira... I know what happened and how deeply it wounded both you and Elfman...



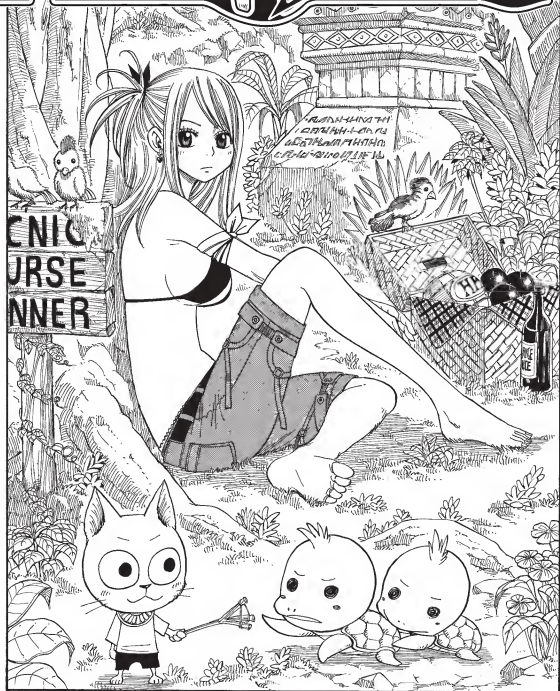




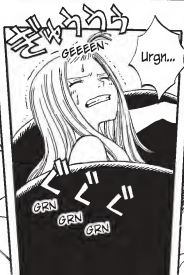
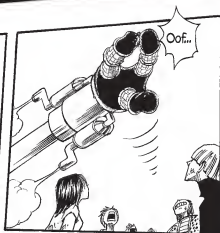
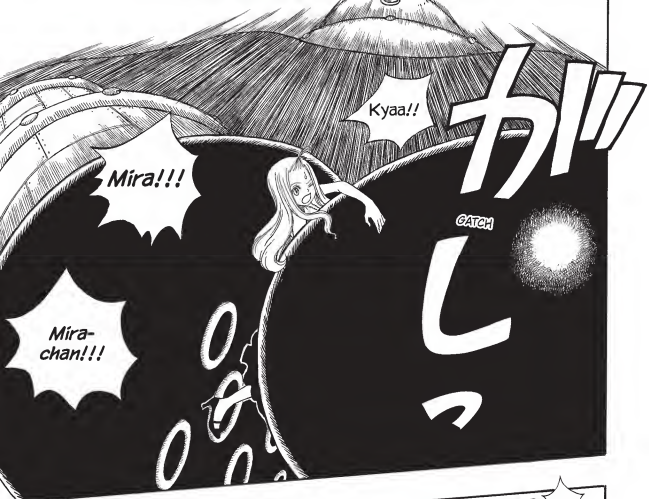


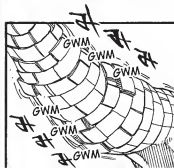
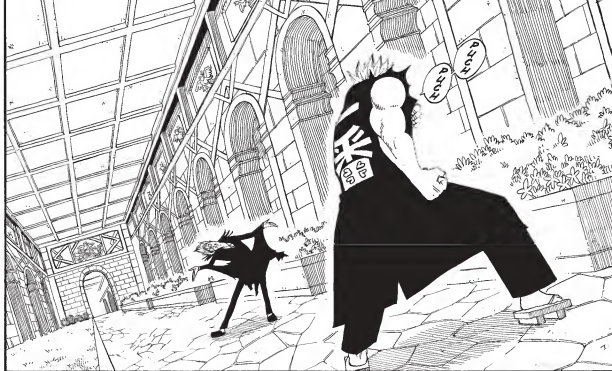


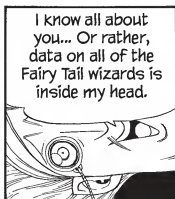
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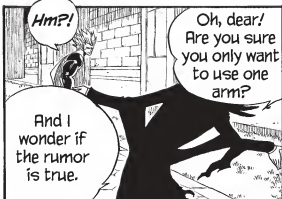
**Chapter 55:
So No One Sees the Tears**







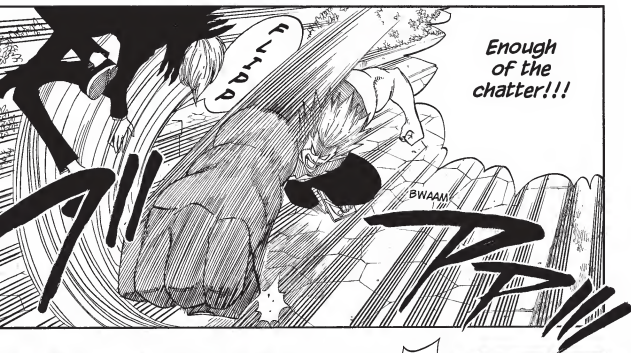
I know all about you... Or rather, data on all of the Fairy Tail wizards is inside my head.



HmP!

And I wonder if the rumor is true.

Oh, dear! Are you sure you only want to use one arm?



Enough of the chatter!!!



Gah!!

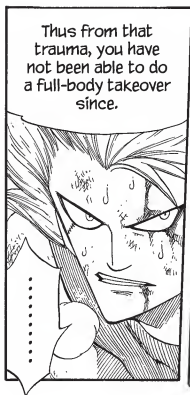
Sable Dance!!!



!!!



You had a... younger sister, did you not?

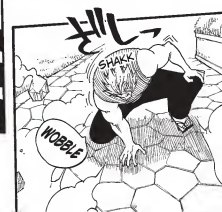


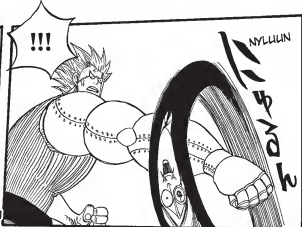
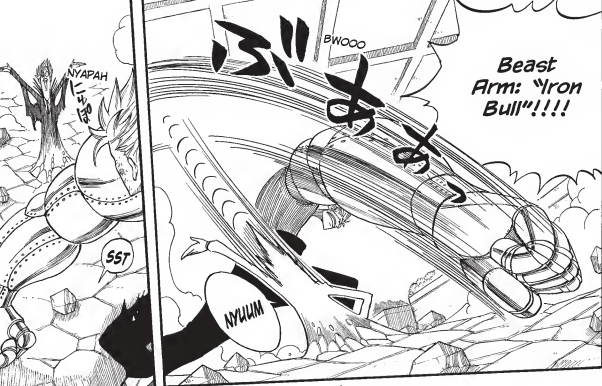
Thus from that trauma, you have not been able to do a full-body takeover since.



If I recall, some time ago, you failed in a full-body takeover, and went on a rampage.

And that precious younger sister of yours tried to stop it and died. Is that not correct?





Gwaahh!!

GRAKKK

Have we
reached the finale
already?

SKRRCH

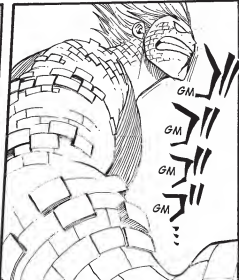
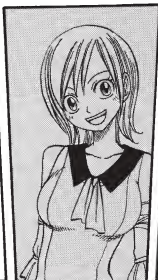
Uh-
ho?

SHAKK

He's better
than he
looks....!!!

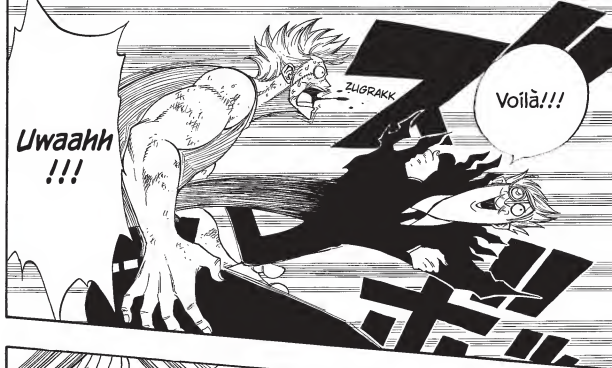


Lisanna!!



Mmm... You shouldn't try what you know you cannot do!

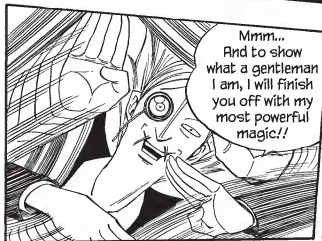




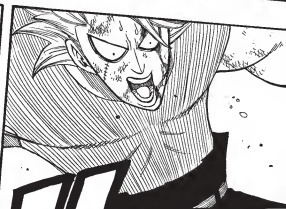
**Uwaahh
!!!**

ZUGRAKK

Voilà!!!



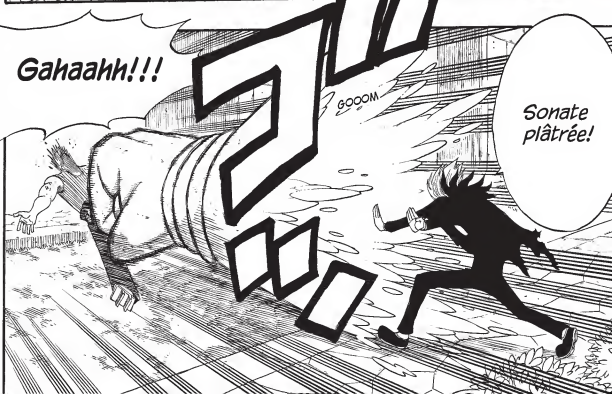
Mmm...
And to show
what a gentleman
I am, I will finish
you off with my
most powerful
magic!!

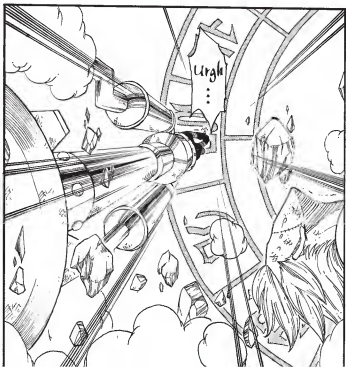
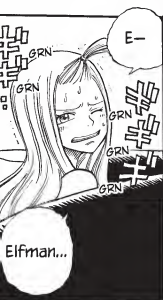
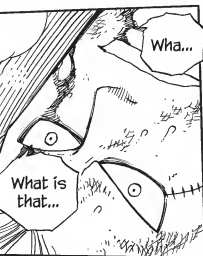


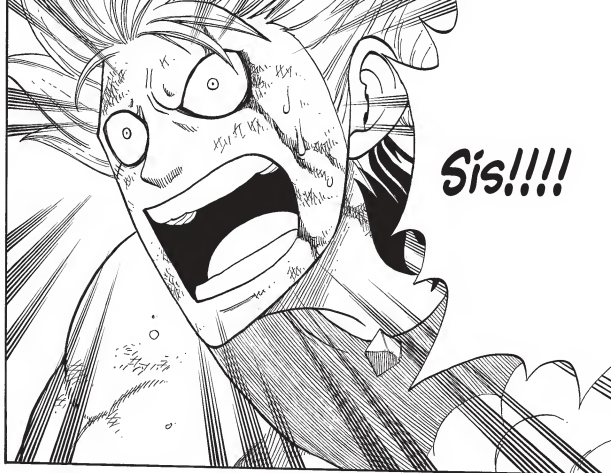
Gahaahh!!!

GOOOM

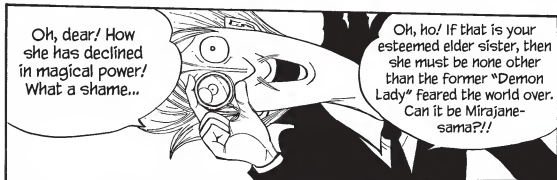
**Sonate
plâtrée!**





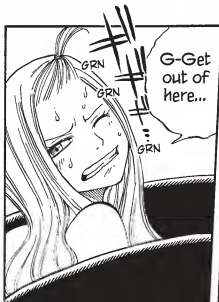


Sis!!!!

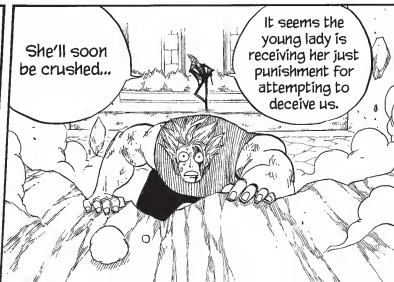


Oh, dear! How she has declined in magical power! What a shame...

Oh, ho! If that is your esteemed elder sister, then she must be none other than the former "Demon Lady" feared the world over. Can it be Mirajane-sama?!!



G-Get out of here...



She'll soon be crushed...

It seems the young lady is receiving her just punishment for attempting to deceive us.



Stop it!!!
I don't care
what you do to
me, but leave
Elfman...



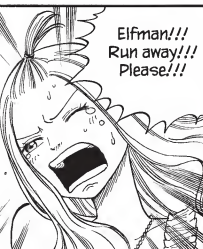
ZUKRAK

Guwah!!!

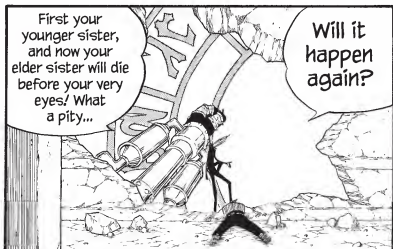


What
are you
doing?!!
Let go
of my
sister!!!

Sis!!



Elfman!!!
Run away!!!
Please!!!



First your
younger sister,
and now your
elder sister will die
before your very
eyes! What
a pity...

Will it
happen
again?

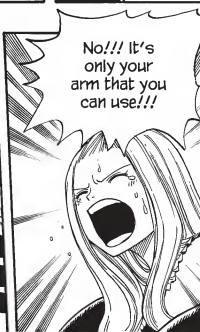
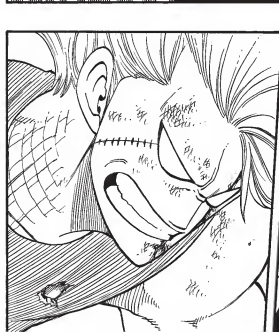
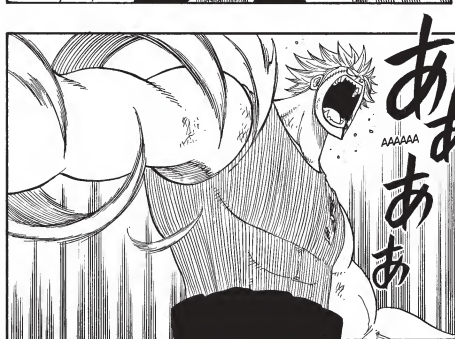


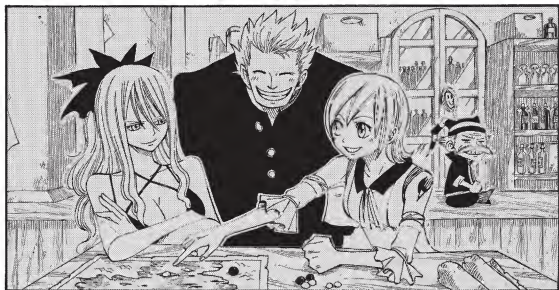
So why is
she crying
now?!!!

I made a
vow that I
will never
allow my
sister
to weep
again!!!

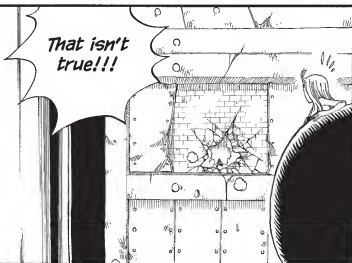


Wh-What
did you
say...?!!





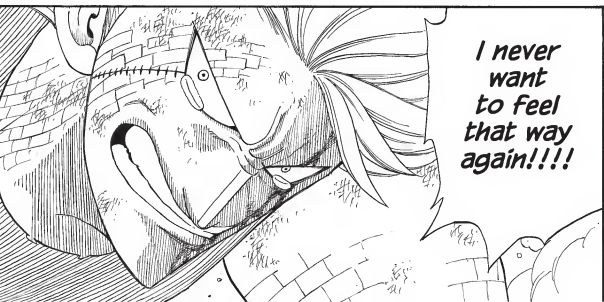
*That isn't
true!!!*

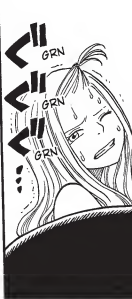
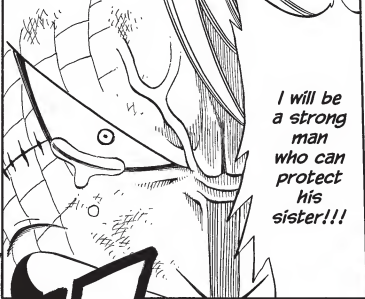


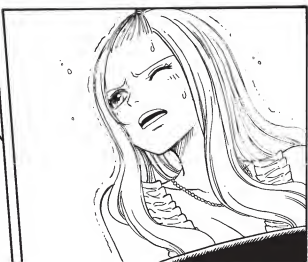
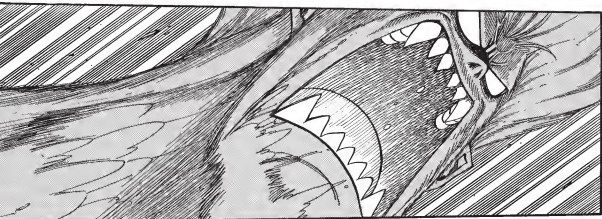
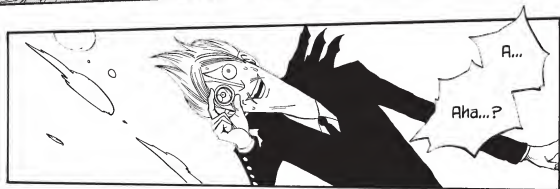
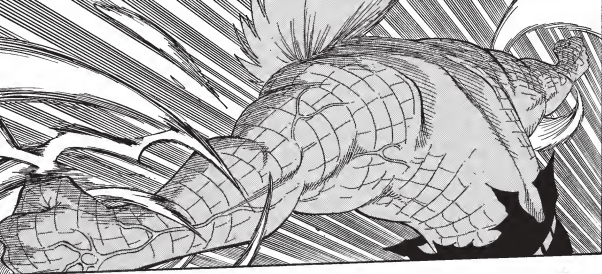
The reason
Lisanna died...
was because
I was too
weak...



*I never
want
to feel
that way
again!!!!*

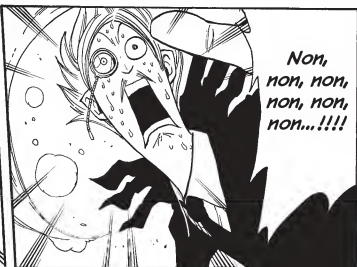
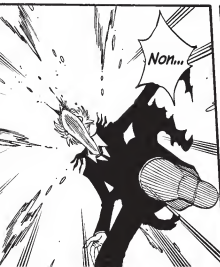
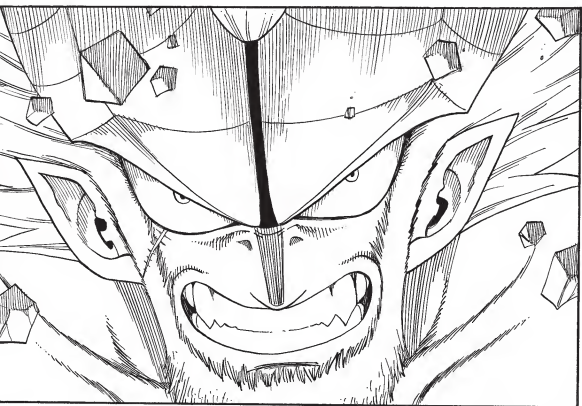
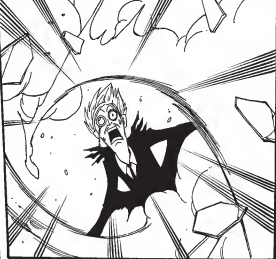
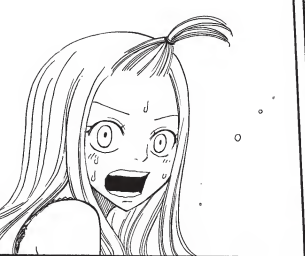






Can that
be the
*Full-Body
Takeover:
Beast
Soul?!!!*

DOOM





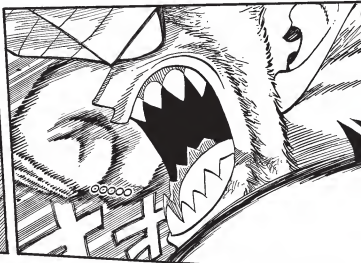
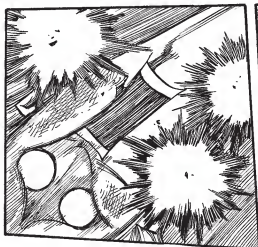
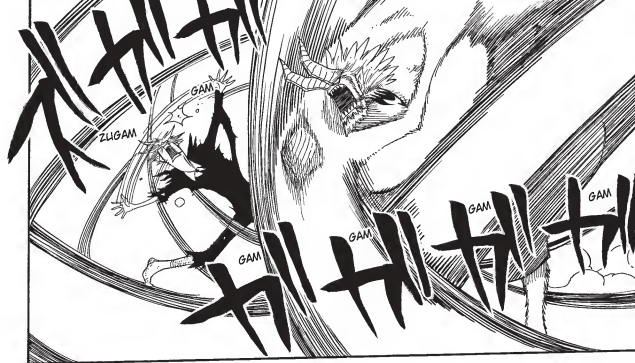
DOGWOOD

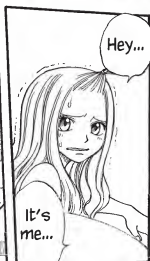
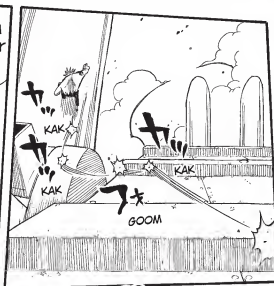
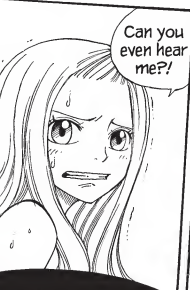
Nooon!!!

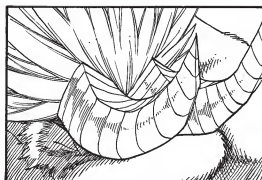
FAIRY TAIL

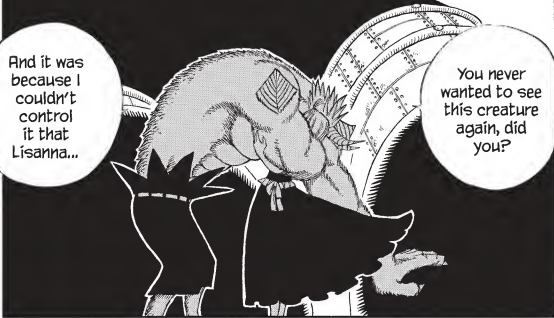
Chapter 56: A Flower Blooms in the Rain











And it was because I couldn't control it that Lisanna...

You never wanted to see this creature again, did you?

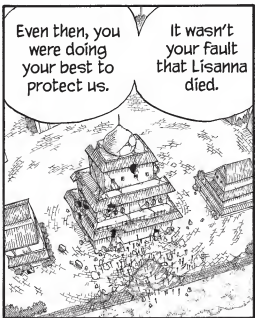


To protect you and Fairy Tail, I had to get stronger...

But...this was the only way I could think of.

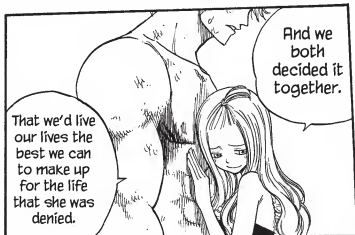
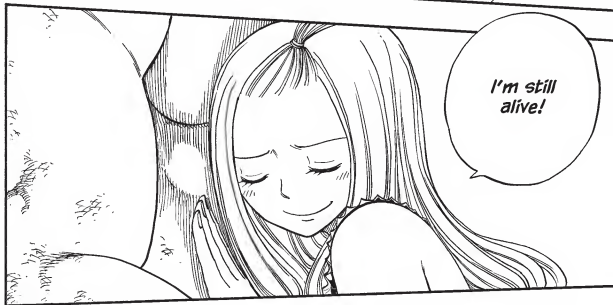


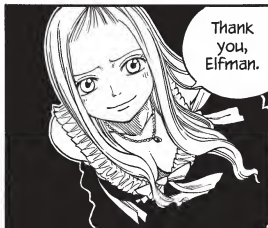
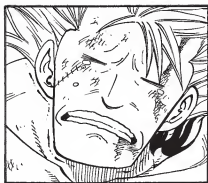
You... kept your reason...



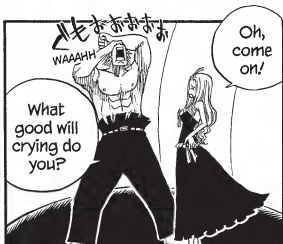
Even then, you were doing your best to protect us.

It wasn't your fault that Lisanna died.



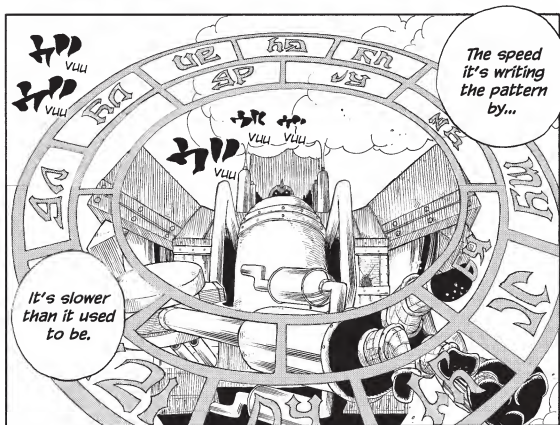
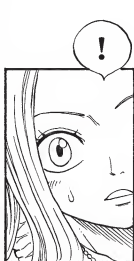
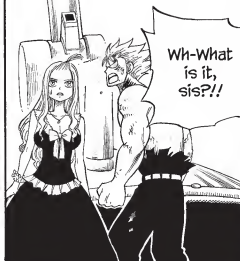
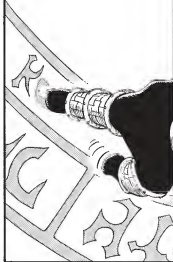


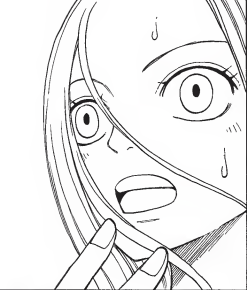
Thank
you,
Elfman.



What
good
will
crying
do
you?

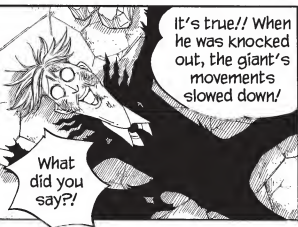
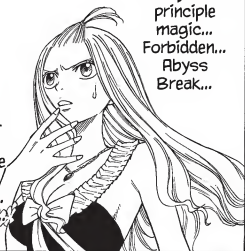
Oh,
come
on!





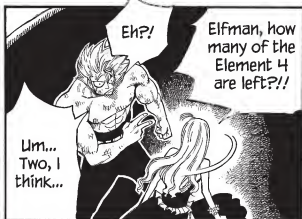
The quadra-principle refers to the elements.
Fire...water...
wind...earth...

The quadra-principle magic...
Forbidden...
Abyss Break...



It's true!! When he was knocked out, the giant's movements slowed down!

What did you say?!



Eh?!

Elfman, how many of the Element 4 are left?!!

Um...
Two, I think...



If we can defeat all of the Element 4, we can keep that pattern from being created!!!!

In other words, that giant machine is powered by the four elements!!!



R-Right!!!

We have to hurry!!! The other two must be in the giant somewhere!!!



Are you sure?!!



I-I'm fine... Your job is to protect Fairy Tail from the enemy right in front of you!!!

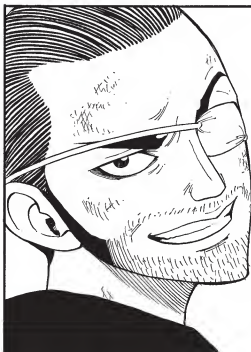


Cana!!!

SLUMP



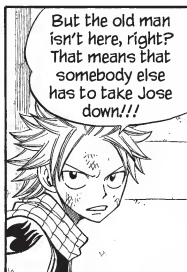
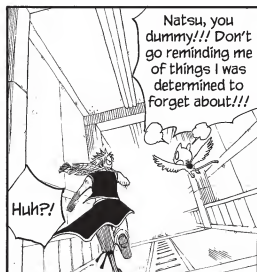
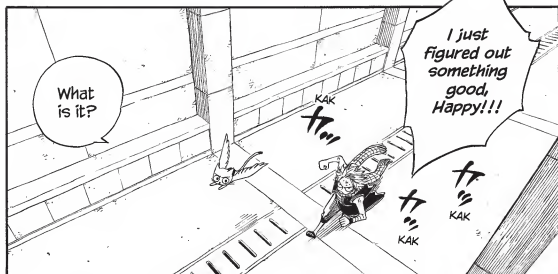
All right!! It looks like Mira came out okay.

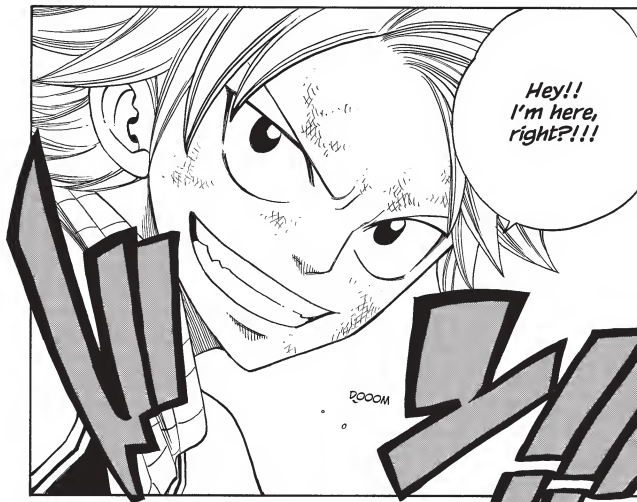


But the real question is, why are the women of our guild so amazingly strong?



She's overdoing it!





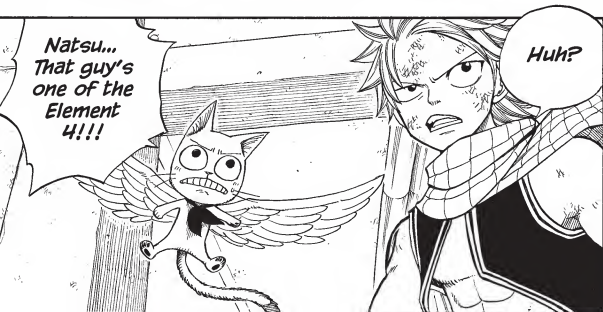
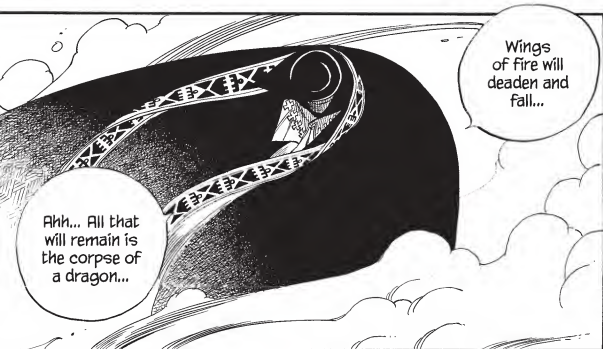
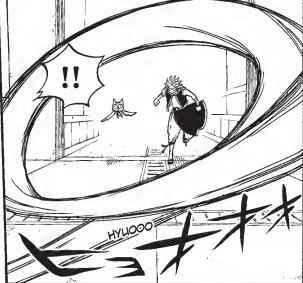
...but Natsu's the one everybody depends on. He must have something special about him...

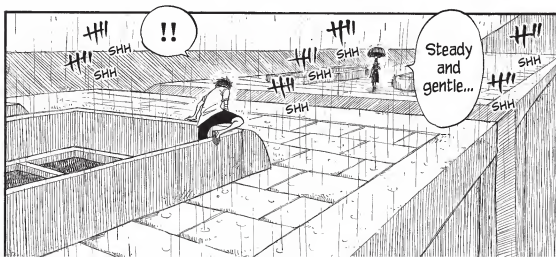
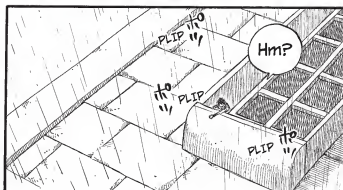
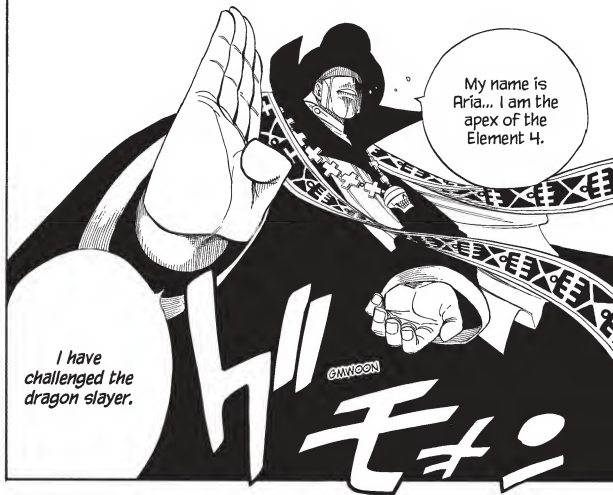
Aye!!



Right?





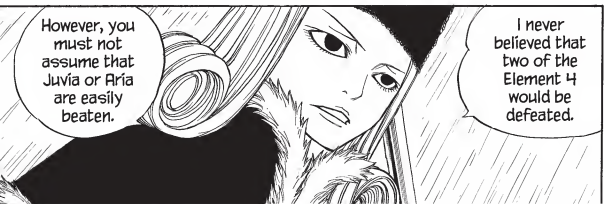




Yes... Juvia
is the rain-
woman of the
Element 4.

Steady and
gentle...

Element 4?



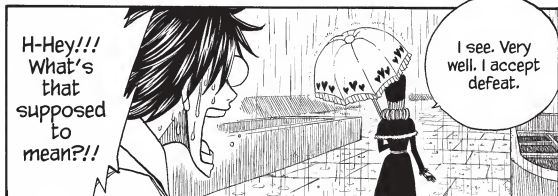
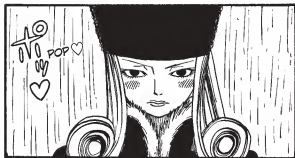
However, you
must not
assume that
Juvia or Aria
are easily
beaten.

I never
believed that
two of the
Element 4
would be
defeated.



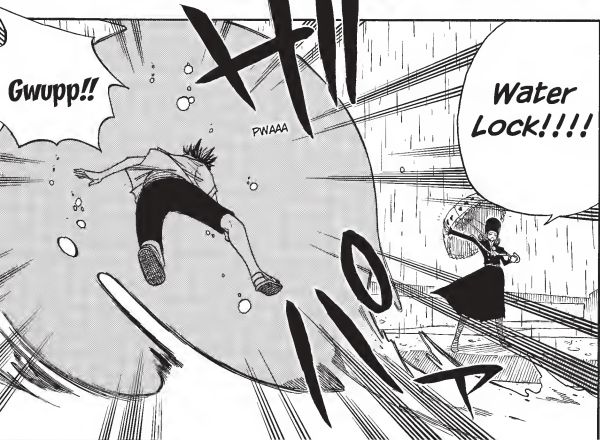
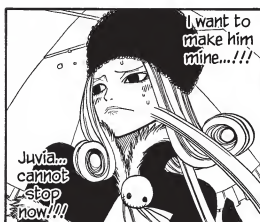
Sorry, but
it doesn't
matter if you
are a woman
or even a
child...

...I never pull
my punches
against
anyone who
hurts my
friends!!



H-Hey!!!
What's
that
supposed
to
mean?!!

I see. Very
well. I accept
defeat.





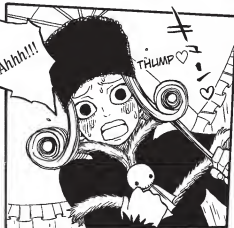
He and
I... Ice and
water...
Could it
possibly
be...
fate?!!



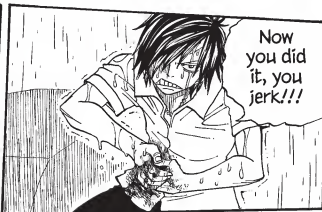
He froze it and broke
it apart... Juvia
thought that her water
lock could never be
broken...!!!



Ahhh!!!



Now
you did
it, you
jerk!!!



Wh-Why... does
he tear off his
clothes so...?
I-I-I don't
believe I'm
ready for this
yet...

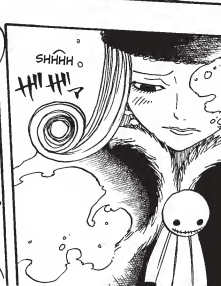
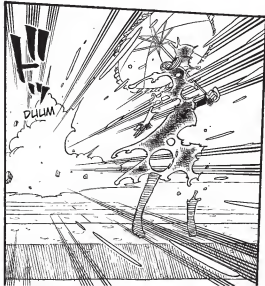
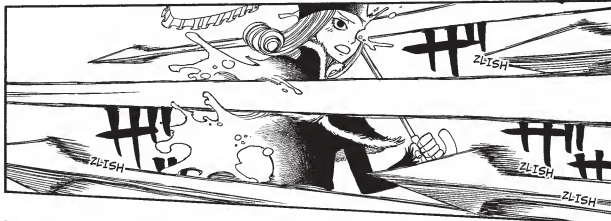
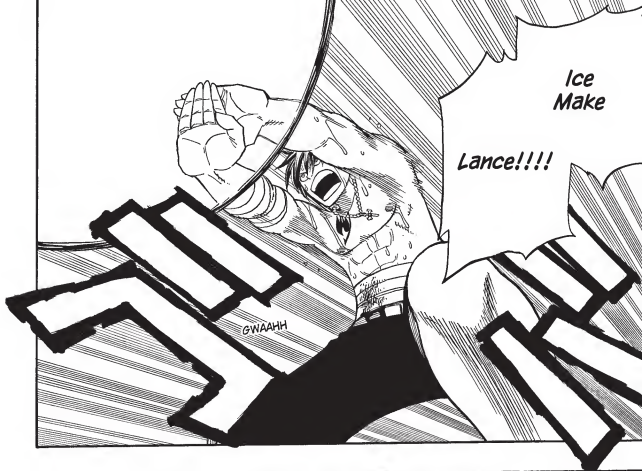


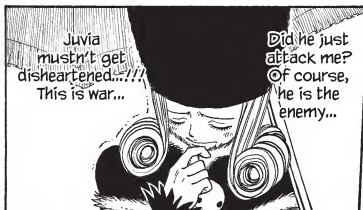
Oww...

WHOOSH

THUMP





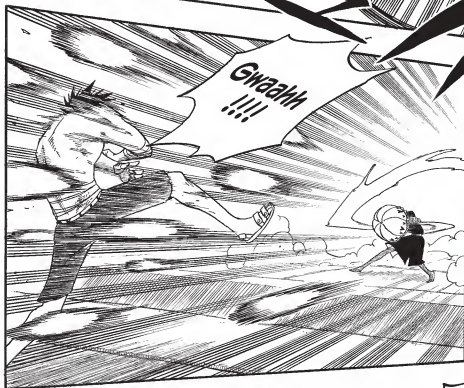


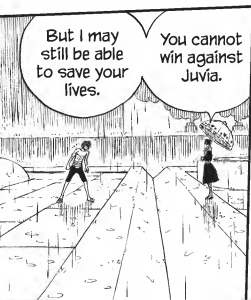
Juvia
mustn't get
disheartened...!!!
This is war...

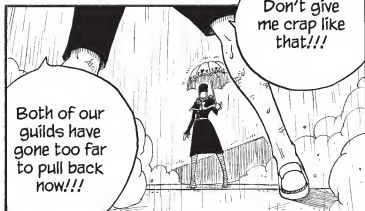
Did he just
attack me?
Of course,
he is the
enemy...



Water?!!







Both of our
guilds have
gone too far
to pull back
now!!!

Don't give
me crap like
that!!!



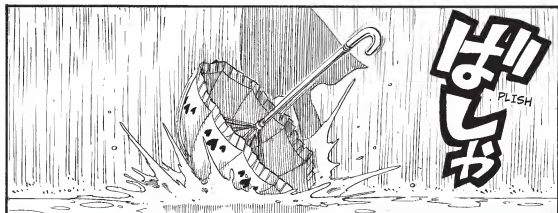
If you do, I'll
do my best
to convince
the Master
to pull back.

Please
bring
Lucy
here.



Lucy
is one of
us!!!

And I won't
hand her
over, even if
it costs my
life!!!!





TO BE CONTINUED

FAIRY TAIL



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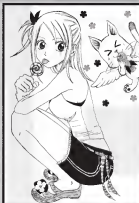
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Fukushima Prefecture, Kasuga Hikari



Oita Prefecture, Kazaneko



Nara Prefecture, Gorano Yuki

Rejection



So well drawn!! This person must be experienced in drawing the inner form.

She says she loves this team of three!! Thank you!!

All right... Exactly as you wish...
Tiyana Prefecture, Impact Absorber



Nagano Prefecture, Getta



Shimane Prefecture, Inuka

Everyone looks like they're having so much fun!! Great facial expressions!

The top three of Fairy Tail! (Probably.)



Fukushima Prefecture, Nami



Okayama Prefecture, Kuma



Hokkaido, Takayama Yûki

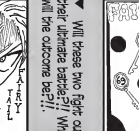
Not rock n'roll! It is not Soul! It is Monster Soul!



Chiba Prefecture, Jelly



Osaka, Haruna



Maybe the 'Fairy' (Fairy Express) armor will come some time later in the manga... (Sneak, Sneak)

Everybody cheer!!! Hurray! Hurray! Wa-shi-mai!

Karagawa Prefecture, Kaorino



Shizuoka Prefecture, Orako



Fukushima Prefecture, Kai



Shizuoka Prefecture, Orako

Well... Let's just leave it at that. (laughs)

Everybody knows that the Palace of the Water Bearer refers to the star sign Aquarius, right?

Wow!! So cute!! I wonder what kind of dream she's having!

GUILD D'ART, STAFF EDITION!!

A bit of artwork that got caught up in the confusion.



Nakamura Shô



Bozu



Ueda Yui



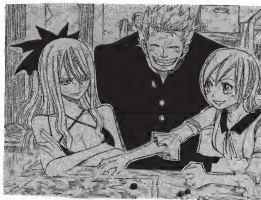
Bobby Ôsawa

I can see why everyone would be nervous.

Mira: That's true. Sometimes the Master says, "I wonder if I'm the next to die!" and "It seems like a real possibility" and "I could just cry!" He seems really worried about it.

Lucy: Oh, dear... (sweat, sweat)

Mira: Let's go to the next question, shall we?



I-is the one on the left... really...M-Mira-chan?

Shutter, shutter!

Shutter: Eh? Why would anyone bother to ask such an obvious question?

Lucy: B-But there's something about the girl in the picture that doesn't seem like you!

Mira: You think so? Well, I was quite young.♡

Lucy: A-And scary...

Mira: It was a fun time!! Elfman was a loose cannon who I always had to keep my eye on. But we'd go taking Lisanna with us...

Mira: Mira-san...

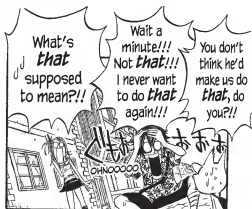
Lucy: And we'd get into all sorts of brawls with Erza or Natsu and the gang...

Shutter: Ehhhhh?!!!

Mira: That's what it means to be young, Lucy! Everybody does it, don't they?

Lucy: Normally, girls don't get into that kind of stuff...

Mira: And now on to our last question.



So what exactly is "that"?

Lucy: Urk! That's right!! I never did find out!!

Mira: Heh heh... Oh, of course, "that"!!

Lucy: ?

Mira: We're still keeping it a secret.♡

Lucy: What the heck is "that"?!!

We're collecting questions about *Fairy Tail*! Send them to the address below!

↓

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From the Fairy Tail Bar

Lucy: Hello there!! I'm Lucy, the cute and sexy manager of Fairy Tail!!

Mira: The author just loves to draw Lucy, doesn't he... Heh heh.

Lucy: Oh, he's just a lecher!! Really!! All he ever thinks about is sex!!

Mira: Let's get started. We've received a bunch of questions after people read volume 6.



Does the strength of the celestial spirits change according to the magical power of the wizard using them?

Lucy: That's right.

Mira:

Lucy:

Mira: Is that all?

Lucy: I know what you want to say!! That the keys I have to the Twelve Golden Gates are wasted on me, right?

Mira: You knew exactly what I wanted to say.

Lucy: Oh!! That knife in my back hurts!! Sniff...

Mira: But we don't know what the future holds. When Lucy trains herself up to be a powerful wizard, I'd like to see what that bull looks like!

Lucy: Oh, Mira-san!! Sniff...

Mira: Just think of the T-bone barbecue we'll have then!!

Shutter: You can't eat him!!!!

Mira: Now on to the next question.



Is Levy-chan still alive?

Lucy: Of course she is!!

Mira: Don't worry. Jet and Droy are alive and kicking too.

Shutter: But with the author's previous work, leading characters died off, one after the other.

Little

Happy's Job

4

This time, our job is to make sure a failing restaurant turns over a new leaf to become very popular.

But I have the feeling that this isn't a job for wizards.

Tomekko Restaurant

We're supposed to make this thing popular?

You underestimate me, Lucy!! It's one step better than what I was imagining!

Yeah, yeah!

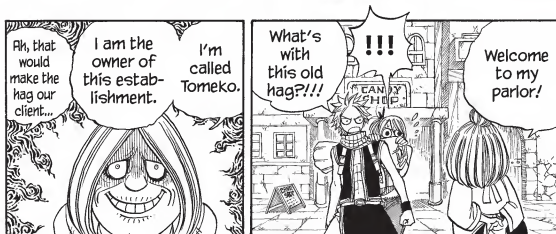
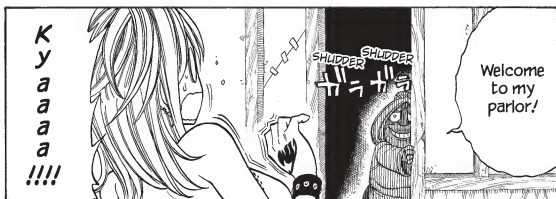
Whoa! It's in worse condition than anybody could ever imagine!

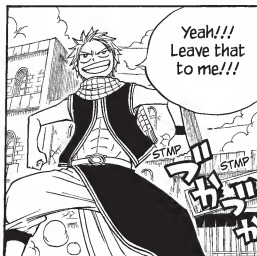
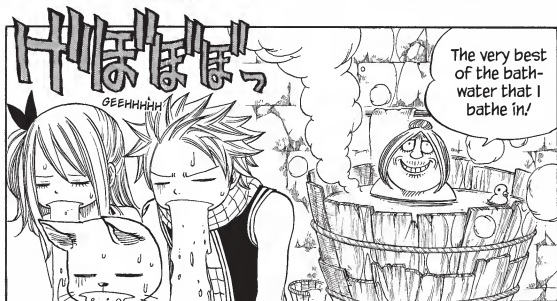
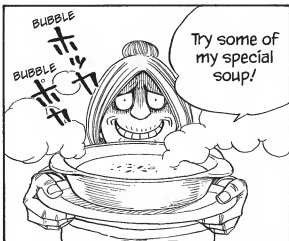
Well, it's certainly popular with Natsu.

Wha ha!!

**BAMM
BAMM**
KRUMBLE

Wha ha!!! Look at this!! It's totally falling apart!!!







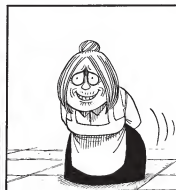
*Just try
yelling
that!!!!*

*If you want
great food,
come to
Tomekko
Restaurant!!!!*



*That'll
scare
them
away!!!*

*I still
have used-
bath-water
soup for
anybody
who wants
some!!!!*



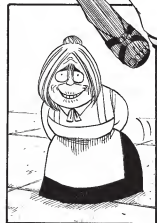
WHOOSH
はっ

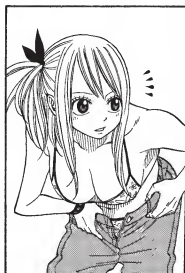
*I have no
choice left.
I'll have to
bring out
the secret
weapon!*



*Not you
too,
Natsu?!!*

*But
it tastes
unexpectedly
good!!!!*



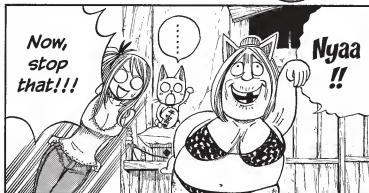
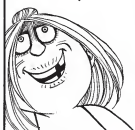


Now that it's
come to this,
I have to step
in!!



I step aside
for no woman
in the sexy
department!!

Lady, you
really
don't want
customers,
do you?



THE END

AFTERWORD

I'm sleepy!!! The seasons change, and I just can't keep my eyes open!! (Right now, the season is changing from summer to fall.) Long ago, I could get only a couple of hours sleep and still have lots of energy, but as I get older, that has slowly changed. Even so, I usually get about seven hours of sleep a night, and the other manga authors keep saying things like, "Wow, that's a lot!! I'm jealous!!" But even so, when I get sleepy, I get really sleepy. And with that, and the fact that I do work that takes long hours, I've figured out ways to deal with my sleepiness while I'm drawing my manga!

1 · I talk with the staff.

It depends on how much people are into the conversation, of course, but it can really charge my batteries back up! There are a lot of times when I even forget how sleepy I was! ○

2 · Coffee and Cigarettes.

I go to the veranda and smoke one cigarette and come back to life! I have the feeling that coffee doesn't work on me anymore, so I use it more as a comfort drink. △

3 · Play.

I watch DVDs, play games, go outside for a bit, and come back refreshed!! But while I'm doing it, I can get absorbed, and the manga doesn't get drawn! △

4 · Sleep.

You know, just stop fighting it and get some sleep! And when you do, you don't just get rid of the sleepiness, you also get your strength back. ○

Yeah, I know!! When you're sleepy, you should sleep! And to take my own advice...Good night, everybody!!

About the Creator

HIRO MASHIMA was born May 3, 1977, in the Nagano prefecture. His series *Rave Master* has made him one of the most popular manga artists in America. *Fairy Tail*, currently being serialized in *Weekly Shonen Magazine*, is his latest creation.

Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction in our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

General Notes: Wizard

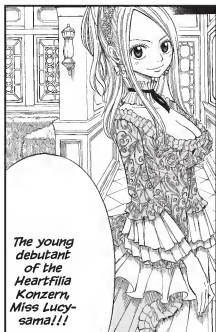
In the original Japanese version of *Fairy Tail*, you'll find panels in which the English word "wizard" is part of the original illustration. So this translation has taken that as its inspiration and translated the word *madōshi* as "wizard." But *madōshi*'s meaning is similar to certain Japanese words that have been borrowed by the English language, such as judo (the soft way) and kendo (the way of the sword). *Madō* is the way of magic, and *madōshi* are those who follow the way of magic. So although the word "wizard" is used in the original dialogue, a Japanese reader would be likely to think not of traditional Western wizards such as Merlin or Gandalf, but of martial artists.

Names

Hiro Mashima has graciously agreed to provide official English spellings for just about all of the characters in *Fairy Tail*. Because this version of *Fairy Tail* is the first publication of most of these spellings, there will inevitably be differences between these spellings and some of the fan interpretations that may have spread throughout the Web or in other fan circles. Rest assured that the spellings contained in this book are the spellings that Mashima-sensei wanted for *Fairy Tail*.

The Moon Can Be Hidden by Clouds, page 3

"The Moon Can Be Hidden by Clouds; Flowers Can Be Scattered by the Wind," is a Japanese proverb (*kotowaza*) that means that nothing in this world is certain.

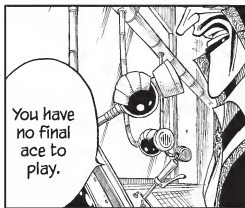


Konzern, page 36

Konzern is a German word that Japanese sometimes borrows to refer to a business empire.

Lacrima, page 59

Lacrima is Latin for "tear," and the word has been used in Japanese to describe certain types of crystals and beads. The *Fairy Tail* universe seems to use the word for magical crystals.

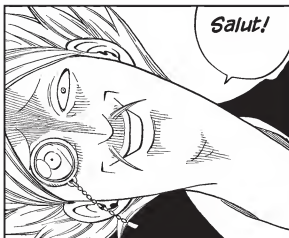


Final ace, page 80

This is an approximate translation. In Japanese, Jose said, "You will never have your triumphal song." That doesn't really come across in English as well as I wanted it to, so I changed the reference to playing aces in cards, which conveyed the same feeling without the unusual concept.

Salut, page 132

Salut is French for "greetings."

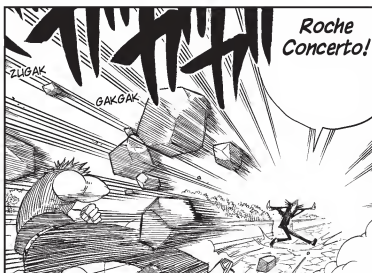


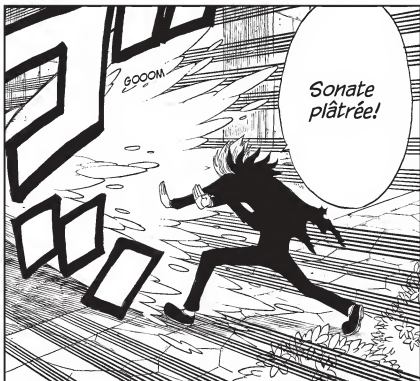
Sable Dance, page 137

Sable is French for "sand."

Roche Concerto, page 138

Roche is French for "rock."





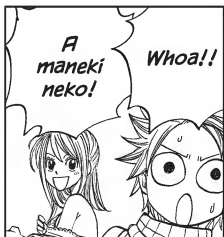
Sonate plâtrée, page 142

Sonate plâtrée is French for "Plaster sonata."



Quoi?, page 146

Of course, *quoi* means "what" in French.



maneki neko, page 190

Most Japanese businesses have a ceramic cat figure with one paw raised in a "come here"-like invitation and a traditional-style gold coin held close to its body. It is a good-luck charm made especially for businesses (but other establishments may also use it). The raised paw is an invitation for customers to come and the gold coin represents financial success.

Circles/triangles/X-marks, page 191

After Mashima-sensei describes his methods for staying awake, he gives them a rating. This rating is very common among Japanese. The circle ○ represents a yes vote, or a stamp of approval. The triangle △ represents a flawed answer that may have good points, but doesn't really cut it. The no vote, or an answer that is completely wrong, is represented by an X-mark, X.



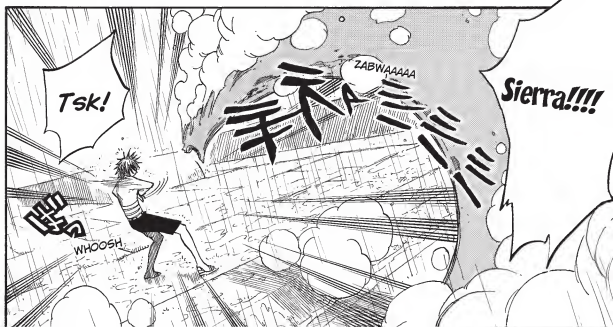
I went to a signing in Taiwan!!
They gave me such a warm
and passionate welcome!
Some of the fans even brought
me bouquets of flowers!
Really! I was so happy to
be able to have such close
contact with the fans!
I got carried away and
shouted, "Everybody!! I love
you all!" For some reason,
that got printed in the local
newspapers.

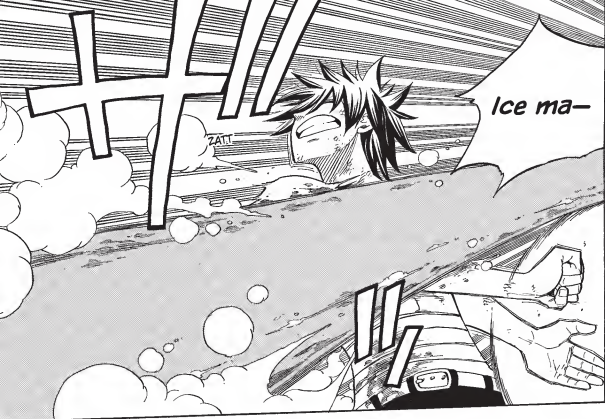
—Hiro Mashima

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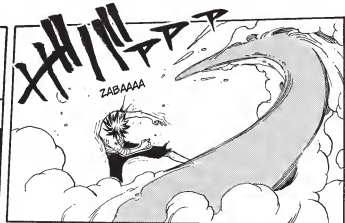






She's fast!!!

My maker magic can't keep up with that!!



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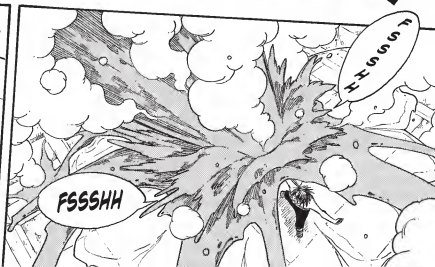
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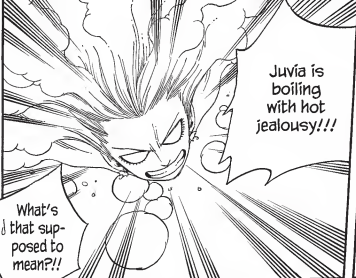


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GYUWAAA

Whoa!!



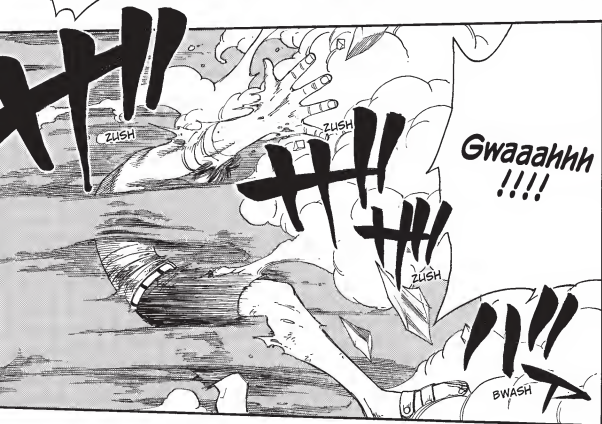


Juvia is
boiling
with hot
jealousy!!!

What's
that sup-
posed to
mean?!!



どろろおい
DRIPP



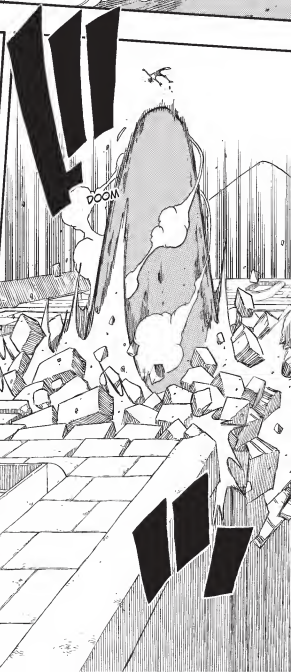
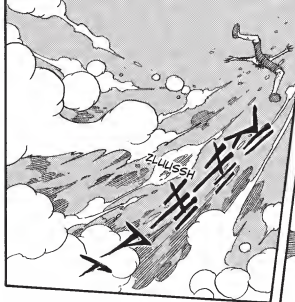
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Gwaaahhh
!!!!
BWASH



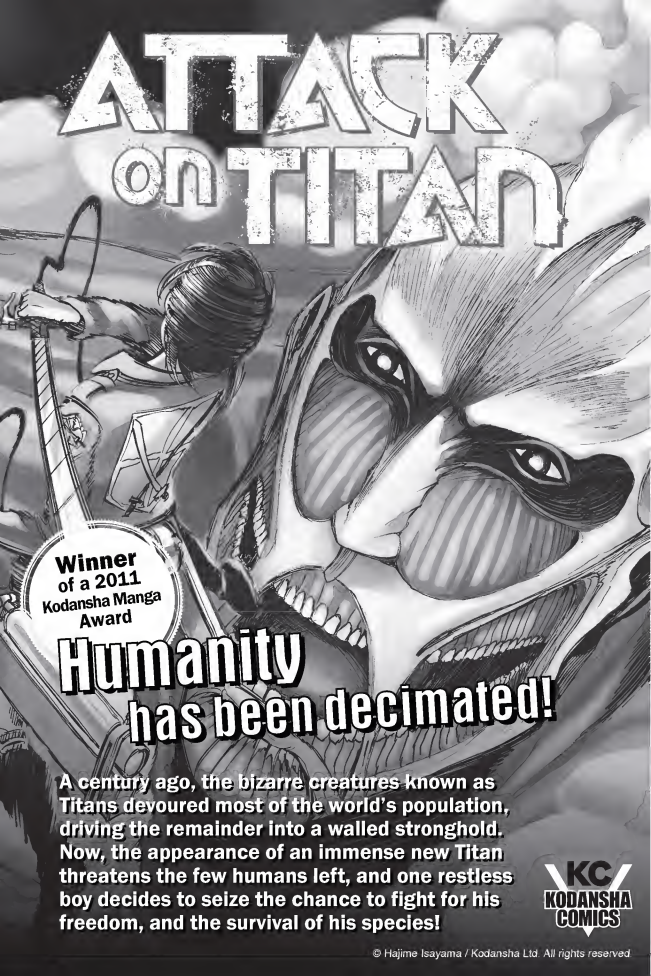
SHHHUSH
SHHHUSH
SHHHUSH
SHHHUSH
Kh!!



It's
so
hot...
It's
burning
my
skin...



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